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3 Palestinians die in Hebron riots



A Palestinian stonethrower hit by a rubber bullet lies in a Hebron street yesterday, still clutching a rock in his hand.

Two yeshiva students held in fatal shooting

By MARGOT DUKKEVITCH, JON IMMANUEL, and news agencies
Three Palestinians were killed, and over 100 Palestinians and five IDF soldiers and border policemen were wounded, who fierce rioting broke out in Hebron yesterday after a yeshiva student shot two alleged attackers.

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The clashes - the fiercest since January's redeployment agreement - raged for over five hours, with hundreds of rioters hurling rocks and firebombs at soldiers, who responded with tear gas and rubber bullets. Last night, an anxious calm hung over the city, with sporadic outbreaks of stone throwing at Beit Hadassah reported. The violence began at around 10 a.m., when two Shavei Hebron Yeshiva students, in their 20s, left the yeshiva at Beit Romano and walked through Gross Square on their way to the Machpela Cave. As they left the square, they said, they were attacked by Arabs who threw tear gas or acid at them, as well as stones. One of the students opened fire with his M-16, wounding two Palestinians; one of them fatally. Troops and border policemen quickly surrounded the students and extricated them from a growing mob. The students were taken to the local police station, where they were held for questioning. Issam Arafat, 30, who was shot in the chest, died of his wound later in the day. More than 700 Palestinians marched in Arafat's funeral procession. The body, wrapped in a Palestinian flag, was carried to its grave by uniformed Palestinian policemen, who fired off a 21-gun salute. When Palestinian Transportation Minister Ali Qawasmeb tried to speak, he was drowned out by the crowd shouting, "Let the olive branch fall and the gun rise." Two other Palestinians were

Clinton says 'decent chance' talks will resume

By HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON - "There is a fairly decent chance" that Israeli-Palestinian peace talks will resume, but it depends on the parties "taking responsibilities to take the risks for peace," US President Bill Clinton said yesterday. "I want these parties to do what they have to do to get this process up and going again," Clinton told a press conference with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien. Clinton said there are "clearly two preconditions" for the resumption of talks: "zero tolerance for terror [and] a genuine commitment to build confidence and to make progress and to do the things required by the Oslo agreement." He also said that in their meeting Monday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told him that he didn't agree with everything in the Oslo Accords, but that he felt that the Israeli government is bound by it and he thought that he ought to honor it. And that's been his public statement, and I believe it remains his position.

PM calls for restraint

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu called for restraint following yesterday's violence in Hebron. "We expect all sides to act to contain the violence and show restraint and responsibility," Netanyahu said last night. He stressed that it is important for Israeli and Palestinian security forces to cooperate fully in Hebron and elsewhere to reestablish calm, prevent terror, and get the peace process back on track. "If we have another major terrorist attack, it could scuttle the entire peace process, and therefore the first thing that has to happen is to restore the policy of fighting terrorism in the Palestinian Authority." Netanyahu, who returned from his lightning trip to Washington yesterday, is to leave again this evening for a visit to Holland and Italy. He is due to return at noon Sunday. He will be accompanied by his family and officials from the Prime Minister's Office. In Holland, he is scheduled to meet Queen Beatrix, Prime Minister Wim Kok, and the chairmen of both houses of the Dutch parliament, and the parliamentary foreign affairs committees. Netanyahu is also slated to meet leaders of the Dutch, Belgian, and Luxembourg Jewish communities.

Pope clears way for canonization of Jewish-born nun

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope John Paul II cleared the way yesterday for Edith Stein, a Jewish-born nun who was killed by the Nazis at Auschwitz, to become a saint of the Roman Catholic Church. The Vatican announced that the pope approved a miracle attributed to her intercession, the final hurdle for her before canonization. John Paul beatified Sister Teresa, the name Stein took as a nun, during a trip to Germany in 1987. No date was set for the canonization, and details of the miracle attributed to her intercession were not immediately available. Sister Teresa was killed in an Auschwitz gas chamber on August 9, 1942, two months before her 51st birthday. Her beatification drew criticism from some Jews, who said the Nazis killed her because of her Jewish heritage, not because she later embraced Catholicism. She had become a nun in 1933. Catholic leaders said she was sent to Auschwitz in retaliation for the outspoken anti-Nazi stand of Dutch bishops. She had taken refuge in a Carmelite cloister in the Netherlands. During her beatification, John Paul urged Christians and Jews to unite against all forms of anti-semitism.

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IDF praises Palestinian Police

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Despite the violence in Hebron, senior IDF commanders praised the Palestinian Police for working with IDF troops to control the situation. Military sources, however, said cooperation needs to be upgraded to improve security for both sides.

Military sources said there continue to be serious warnings of possible attacks, and the IDF is keeping its forces on full alert throughout the territories. "The alerts are very, very high. It's hard to keep the troops on this level of alert, and the army knows it," one source said.

OC Judea and Samaria Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir said the Palestinian Police worked to calm tensions in areas of Hebron under its control. He said that the cooperation between the two sides was continuing, but on a lower level than in the past.

"This is not the same cooperation that we had before, but in very serious incidents like we had today, there is cooperation on the level of the liaison offices," he said. "The Palestinian Police are responsible for their territory and we in our territory."

Military sources said cooperation with the Palestinians is mostly on the brigade level and varies from location to location. Coordination in the Nablus area is considered much better than in Hebron. But even in Hebron, the IDF saw a serious, but not total, effort by Palestinian Police to quell the violence.

Visiting Hebron yesterday, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan said the IDF was on the whole satisfied with the work of the Palestinian forces.

"We have reinforced this area, and we are prepared to create a situation of calm in every place where riots erupt, if they do. All in all, the coordination with, and the actions of, the Palestinian Police along the seam line was good," Dayan said. "The moment there are riots that the Palestinian Police are not able to control, our



A Palestinian policeman asks IDF troops to cease firing, so his colleagues can stop stone-throwers in Hebron yesterday. (Bryan McBarney)

soldiers go into action. "The security situation in Hebron was ever simple and certainly the tensions rise when there are incidents. In the meantime, we will be doing what is needed to calm the situation. We are responsible for the security

of this city and we will provide it." The IDF wants to raise the level of coordination, but so far all attempts have been rebuffed by the Palestinians. Intelligence cooperation has been cut off and there is no change in that situa-

tion, military sources said. The army is considering the shootings by Jewish settlers this week as isolated incidents and military sources said that the army does not believe there is a sense of trigger happiness among settlers.

"No one is taking it as a phenomenon. We are talking of two incidents. We and the police are treating them as isolated events. No doubt there is an increase in tension and stone-throwing and there is fear of more attacks," a military source said.

Yeltsin, Hariri blast Israel

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russian President Boris Yeltsin yesterday expressed concern at violence in the Middle East and criticized Israel during talks with Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Kremlin spokesman Sergei Yastzhebnsky told reporters the two leaders, who met in the Kremlin, had condemned Israel's plans to build Jewish settlements in east Jerusalem. "Moscow is seriously concerned by flare-ups of confrontation in the south Lebanon sector and by unilateral decisions by the Israeli authorities on building in the Arab part of Jerusalem," Yastzhebnsky said. He appeared to be referring partly to helicopter attacks on Saturday on suspected Hizbullah targets in the security zone. Yastzhebnsky quoted Yeltsin as saying Russia supported Lebanon's sovereignty, indepen-

dence and territorial integrity. He said the two leaders had similar views on the Middle East peace process. "Mr. Hariri welcomed the growing contribution of Russia to the peace process in the region and assured him that Lebanon is committed to covering its part of the way to a comprehensive peace," he said. Russia, a co-sponsor of the peace process with the United States, has been overshadowed in the region by Washington but is trying to raise its profile. Hariri, who is due to leave Moscow today, urged Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov on Monday to ensure Moscow does all it can to give a new impetus to the peace talks. Primakov responded by saying his deputy, Viktor Posuvalyuk, would leave for the Middle East in the next few days.

EU to propose joint Mideast plan with US

PARIS (Reuter) - The European Union has agreed to propose to the US taking a joint initiative to revive Middle East peace negotiations, France said yesterday. French Foreign Ministry spokesman Yves Doutriaux was reporting on a meeting of Middle East department heads of the 15 EU member states with the bloc's special envoy to the region, Miguel Angel Moratinos, in Brussels on Monday. "They agreed to propose that the Netherlands prime minister (Wim Kok), as current president of the EU, write to President (Bill) Clinton to propose a joint American-European initiative," Doutriaux told reporters. He said the Europeans' ideas were "complementary to and in

convergence with the Americans." "Our proposals are aimed at taking account of all outstanding questions to try to lay the foundations for a global restarting of negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians," he told a regular briefing. "They also aim to take account of the need to ensure that past agreements are respected," he said. He said Moratinos had offered a "code of conduct to restore the dynamics of dialogue" but gave no details. French officials said that President Jacques Chirac's diplomatic adviser, Jean-David Levitte, had talks with US special Middle East envoy Dennis Ross in Washington on Monday.

US Jews hope for compromise on conversion bill after talks with PM

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - No clear resolution of the dispute over Reform and Conservative conversions resulted after more than a dozen Reform and Conservative rabbis met here late Monday with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, but there was reported to be hope that a compromise could be reached.

MK Alex Lubotzky met afterwards with the group for an hour and there are plans for him and a member of Netanyahu's staff, perhaps Bobby Brown, to continue discussions with a smaller panel later this week. "His tone was somewhat more moderate than we heard in the past. He expressed a desire to resolve this issue. ... We had some sense that perhaps he was beginning to understand it," Rabbi Eric Yoffie, head of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, a

Reform group, said of the meeting with Netanyahu. Yoffie said Lubotzky raised a "spectrum of possibilities" to resolve the dispute over the Knesset's consideration of the bill that would not recognize conversions performed in Israel by Reform and Conservative rabbis. However, Yoffie would not discuss the options, citing the sensitivity of the talks. But he said he heard "enough that was encouraging" to agree to the second meeting with Lubotzky. In a press conference prior to meeting the group, Netanyahu downplayed the controversy, saying even if a law is enacted, it would not change the status quo but merely "formalize" the de facto situation. But Yoffie took issue with that point, saying in an interview that "right now, there's no law on conversions [and] if tomorrow there is a law, that is a change in the status quo."

HU students protest racist book

100-person rally against Carl Frankenstein's 'Hahitzon'

By DANIEL J. CHALFEN

A book written in the 1950s which served as an intellectual basis for discrimination against communities of Oriental Jews was the focus of a rowdy demonstration at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Mt. Scopus campus yesterday.

More than 100 students protested against Prof. Carl Frankenstein's *Hahitzon* (The Outsider), which claims the "eastern Jews are lacking in experience of civilization," and is still used today as a standard textbook in the university's Department of Education.

Members of both the Likud-affiliated Gilad Aviv movement and the left-wing Ofek joined forces under the banner of the Righteous Society group to protest against the continued use of the book.

MK Maxim Levy addressed the crowd and claimed that Frankenstein's book should no longer be used as his theory is irrelevant.

Frankenstein wrote that "The majority of eastern Jews are backward, they don't have the ability to understand the contents and values of Western society ... and they are incapable of joining in with the rest of the population in a productive manner." He described the eastern immigrants as "disadvantaged children."

Some lecturers have stood by their decision to use his book, saying that it must be viewed in the context in which it was written. But one of the education students who brought the book to the attention of the Student Union felt the work was being taught as "universal and eternal theory."

Idan Lamdan, deputy head of the Student Union, said "the students have a right to know if a theory is still relevant or not. Open thinking is important," he continued, "professors are just professors and not God."

Frankenstein was born in 1905 in Berlin, where he received his doctorate in philosophy and began working as a social worker. In 1937, he immigrated to Palestine, where he worked with the British as a researcher on social and educational problems of children in Jerusalem. He began lecturing at Hebrew University in 1947 and retired in 1956. During his career, he wrote over 30 books published in Hebrew, English, and German. In 1967, he received the Israel Prize for education. Frankenstein died eight years ago.



Foreign Minister David Levy (left) meets with Turkish Chief of Staff Gen. Ismail Karadayi in Ankara yesterday. (Reuter)

Erbakan meets Levy, slams Israeli policies

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and news agencies

Turkish Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan rained criticism on Israel yesterday, as Foreign Minister David Levy listened with a stony face.

"Israel should immediately withdraw from lands it has occupied for years," Erbakan told reporters before a closed-door meeting with Levy. "Plans to establish new settlements in Jerusalem should be aborted."

"Jerusalem is a sacred city not only for Jews and Christians, but also for Moslems. Some scenarios and ideas put forth now are disturbing the 1.5 billion Moslem community."

Levy stood by, impassive, then spoke in his government's defense.

"Israel has been faithful to all peace agreements," he said. "Jerusalem has never been the capital of another country."

The most important thing about the meeting, Israeli sources said, was the fact that it took place. It was the first meeting between an Islamic political leader and an Israeli cabinet minister. The two, the sources said, did not shake hands.

Erbakan, the sources said, told Levy in their meeting - which lasted twice as long as scheduled - that he was the first Israeli he had ever met.

The meeting, the sources said, was mainly devoted to commercial matters. Levy's visit was preceded by an uproar over whether Erbakan would even meet with him. Erbakan finally agreed, but only at the last minute.

A harsh critic of Israel before coming to power, Erbakan had softened his stance under pressure from Turkey's military and his Western-oriented coalition partner since com-

ing to power in July. Just three days ago Parliament, unopposed by Erbakan's Islamic Welfare party, ratified a pact expected to quadruple bilateral trade to \$2 billion by 2000.

Last year, Turkey and Israel signed a defense cooperation agreement and another trade pact. "I understand why [Erbakan] speaks so frankly," Levy said after their meeting, without elaborating.

A group of Israeli businessmen accompanied Levy on the business-oriented trip. He was met at the airport by the minister in charge of economic affairs, Ayfer Yilmaz.

Levy also met Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller, of the coalition's secularist wing, and Turkish Chief of Staff Gen. Ismail Karadayi, and was to meet President Suleyman Demirel. He meets Jewish leaders in Istanbul today.

THREE DIE

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raged at the arrest of the two yeshiva students and demanded a stop to the deteriorating security situation in the city. Spokesman Noam Arnon also demanded that a ballistic examination be carried out on the bullet that killed Arafat, to determine whether it matched the student's weapon. "According to information we received, the Palestinian died from someone else's weapon," Arnon said. According to police, it is still unclear which of the students fired the shots and whether he acted in self-defense. Yeshiva head Moshe Bleicher said the two students should be

awarded a medal for their action, saying that when lives are in danger, the enemy should be killed. He said the yeshiva's 200 students spend their days in study and are not permitted to join demonstrations. Yeshiva students walking through Hebron must always go in pairs and, in accordance with IDF regulations, one of the pair must carry a weapon. Settlers council director Aharon Domb said the two students were wounded in the face and eyes by tear gas or acid and that a doctor from Kiryat Arba treated them at the police station. Palestinians told Israel Radio that the yeshiva students opened fire without provocation and said the settlers were lying when they said they were attacked with tear gas. Initial claims by Palestinians at

the scene that the two Israelis opened fire with no provocation at all gave way to cautious acceptance that two Palestinians may have thrown a firebomb or stone, but the street still considered the provocation to be Israel's. Palestinian Preventive Security chief Jibril Rajoub said, "I think it's a crime and comes as a result of Netanyahu's policies. Anyway, you don't kill someone because he throws a stone." Other Palestinian spokesmen threw back at Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accusations made against Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. "This is the immediate result of the policies of Mr. Netanyahu. I wish him all the happiness at seeing this blood on his hands," said Arafat spokesman Marwan

Kanafani. Arafat, who told the conference of non-aligned states in New Delhi that Netanyahu had "declared war" on the peace process, returned to Gaza just before the riots began. He sent a message to Hanan Ashrawi, his envoy in Washington during the Netanyahu-Clinton talks, telling her to convey to Middle East envoy Dennis Ross the seriousness of the situation. Faisal Hussein accused Netanyahu in a television interview of giving a "sort of green light. If we believe that every incident that happens against Israelis is a green light from Yasser Arafat, can we say that this is a green light from Mr. Netanyahu?"

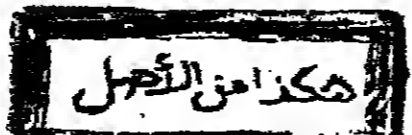
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THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Rabbi David Rosen will speak on "Interfaith Developments in the Middle East."

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IN CONTEXT / HERB KEINON

On the brink of disaster

Hebron settlement leaders, prior to the redeployment in January, predicted that the city would convulse in violence, just not immediately. Yesterday's rioting left one wondering whether that time had come.

By the end of the day the answer was clear. Despite a grisly toll that included three Palestinian dead and over 100 injured, and six wounded Israelis, the city - by nightfall - was tense but calm. The calm was a sign that the feared cataclysmic clash had not yet taken place.

The rioting that followed the killing of a Palestinian who allegedly attacked two Shavei Hebron Yeshiva students ended some four hours after it started - when the Palestinian security forces took control, similar to a decision they made after the Noam Friedman shooting incident in January not to let Palestinian anger get out of hand. For hours IDF soldiers stood on

the boundary between the Israeli and Palestinian enclaves, being pelted by stones and petrol bombs, and responding with tear gas and rubber bullets. The clashes ended when Jabril Rajoub's special Rapid Intervention Forces, dressed in foreboding black uniforms, clamped down on the rioters.

The question is whether, in the current crisis atmosphere, this decision will be made again and again. If not, Hebron is where the potential for catastrophe is the greatest.

By 2:00 p.m., most of the violence was over. The attack on the yeshiva students took place on the road leading from Beit Hadassah to the Machpela cave, in the part of the city under Israeli control. A curfew was clamped on the Israeli side immediately after the incident. So the rioting just erupted on another road a few hundred meters away, in the Palestinian part of the city.

About a dozen IDF soldiers stood at one corner on the Israeli side of the road, targets for rock-throwing Palestinian youths perched on a roof overhead or in nearby alleyways.

Across the street, maybe five meters away, stood the Palestinian policemen, not visibly armed. They kept youths from running close to the IDF positions and throwing their rocks.

OC Central Command Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan said there was coordination between the IDF and the Palestinian Police. This could be seen on the ground. At one point, the officer of a unit at the corner waved for his Palestinian counterpart to come across the road for a discussion.

The Palestinian officer did, darting across the street to avoid stray rocks that were still being thrown. By this time, the rocks were so commonplace that a few soldiers, deep in conversation on cellular phones, did not even look up to take note.

After a quick conversation in Arabic, the Palestinian officer went back across the street and instructed a couple of his men to go to the roof and silence the rock-throwers.

Throughout the confrontation, everyone seemed to be taking pictures. The press photographers, on the street in hard hats, were doing their job. The TIPH officers, also wearing helmets, were furiously filming on a video camera. And two IDF soldiers, in full battle regalia, were also equipped with cameras with telephoto lenses, and took pictures of the various meetings between IDF officers and the Palestinian Police, and Palestinian soldiers chasing away stone-throwers.

Amid the barrage of rocks, these soldiers looked - by the pictures they were taking - as if they were compiling an album on Israeli-Palestinian cooperation.

Soon after the decision was made to build on Har Homa, the catalyst to the recent violence,



A soldier wounded in the hand is evacuated from a Hebron street clash yesterday. (Byran McBurney)

Fatah head Marwan Barghouti was reported to have said: "I don't think that stones are violence." The incidents of the last two days - the shooting of two

Palestinians in Harbata by a Dolev man who said he came under a barrage of stones, and the rioting in Hebron apparently triggered by rocks and either tear gas or acid

sprayed on the yeshiva students - shows the absurdity of Barghouti's words. It starts with rocks. It ends with three dead and over 100 injured.

Dolev outraged over settler's arrest

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Dolev residents deplored the arrest and subsequent remand hearing this morning of Yossi Levy, who fired shots at Palestinian stone throwers in Harbata on Monday, wounding one seriously.

According to Adi Miotz, Dolev spokesman and chairman of the Forum of Settlements in the Binyamin Region, Levy, 44, a father of five, who served as an officer in a combat unit, is considered to be a serious member of the community, and was clearly acting in self-defense.

In a radio interview on Arutz 7, Levy's wife Haya said her husband returned home and only realized he had wounded someone after hearing it on the radio. He immediately decided to turn himself in.

"He told me that he had encountered stone-throwers and, fearing for his life, fired shots," she said, adding that he told her he didn't see anyone wounded or falling to the ground.

Levy immediately contacted the regional security post who told him to contact the police.

Levy told the police he would drive to the station and turn himself in, but asked to speak with his lawyer beforehand.

Yesterday afternoon, "he packed a bag and drove to the police station," she said.

She added that reports stating that information from the Palestinian Police enabled the police to track him down are false. "This is not about Yossi Levy's private war, but because he is a Jew," she said.

"In the past we encountered sporadic stone throwing, usually involving children," said Miotz. "Today we encounter organized ambushes involving adults. It is obvious someone is giving them orders; everything is too well organized."

Residents of Dolev are forced to use village roads in Area B, said Miotz, as there is no proper bypass road in the area.

"We are constantly stoned on the Harbata bypass road," he said, adding that residents prefer to travel through Harbata instead. Residents travelling to Tel Aviv drive through Harbata, and those travelling to Jerusalem, said Miotz, "drive through Elin Arik and Beituniya. "Any other route would add hours to any journey," he said.

The problem, he said, would only be solved when a proper bypass road is built around the Arab villages in the area.

"It is obvious that the Palestinian villages surrounding our community feel threatened by us, as our community is expanding and they fear the growing Jewish majority that surrounds them," he said.

An international mayoral J'lem meet - without politics

By ELLI WOHL-GELERWITZ

It's hard to imagine an international conference of mayors taking place in Jerusalem that does not involve politics, but that's what's happening this week. Fifty-five mayors from six continents are gathered to hear how others cope with the same problems they face.

"Your problems are very big ones, mine are very small ones," said Mali Vakarewakobau, mayor of Suva, Fiji. "But overall all they are the same - traffic, collecting garbage, the water and sewer system."

The mayors are here as part of the 17th Jerusalem Conference of Mayors.

One of the issues facing all the mayors is how to keep different ethnic groups distinct while at the same time attempting to blend a melting pot of harmony. "There's far more diversity than I had anticipated," said Carolyn Allee, mayor of Greensboro, North Carolina. "Liege in Belgium has over 100 different nationalities in that one town."

Her town, Allen said, is "principally white and Afro-American, but the fastest growing segment is Spanish. We have a good many Cambodians and Vietnamese, many of whom have come in through the assistance of church groups, as well as a Chinese-American association and native Americans." One mayor from Africa said the conference participants, and Jerusalem as host, should help "teach those of us from Africa; so that we can develop from your planning system, [like] how you build roads. We don't have roads this size; we need to know this, so that whatever mistakes Jerusalem made, we don't repeat them." Jean-Marie Dehousse, the

mayor of Liege, said that despite the difference in populations among the cities, the contrasts are much narrower than they appear. "There are, surprisingly enough, more similarities than differences in the problems that we are all dealing with."

The key, he said, is getting to know more about one another. "As Jefferson said: We should know each other better so we can understand each other better."

For most of the mayors it was their first visit, so it was all a learning experience about Israel. "There seems to be a much more link between the central government and the municipal government," said Vakarewakobau. "In Fiji, they are completely separate. The only times we get into the central government is when we are looking for funds for specific projects. Here, the mayor [of Jerusalem] is a member of parliament, which struck me as rather unusual." One area where there seemed to be little concern was for the participants' physical safety, despite what these mayors had heard and read in the news.

Vakarewakobau said that when he "told some of my friends in Fiji that I was coming to Jerusalem, they said: 'You better watch out for those stones; they seem to like throwing those stones.' But I'm not concerned at all."

Allen said that when she told a friend that she was coming here, she was told: "Both Palestinians and Israelis need American friends, so we'd be taken care of. I felt it would be safe." What did surprise a couple of mayors was the cool weather. "I thought it was always warm," said Walter Fitzgerald, mayor of Halifax, Nova Scotia, adding that he also didn't realize palm trees grow in Jerusalem.

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Har-Shefi trial delayed

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Nira Lidsky yesterday agreed to a request by Yosef Alon, who has agreed to represent Margalit Har-Shefi, that she be given until April 20 to enter a plea. Har-Shefi is charged with knowing that Yigal Amir intended to murder prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and doing nothing to prevent it. Alon told the court that six other attorneys had declined to represent Har-Shefi. *Itim*

Teacher remanded for indecent acts

Melvin Salomon, a teacher in a Kfar Shmaryahu school, was remanded by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on suspicion of committing indecent acts on 11-year-olds over the past few months. Salomon, 25, of Sbeifayim, has since left the school and cut off all contact with the girls, his attorney said, adding that his client has denied all allegations. The lawyer said the suspicions may be the result of "inadvertent acts" while Salomon taught the girls exercise. However, the judge said the allegations referred to acts that occurred during English lessons. *Itim*

Peres: Tango holds key to peace process

The tango could offer some inspiration for the Middle East peace process, Labor Chairman Shimon Peres said in Buenos Aires yesterday. "In Argentina, the home of tango, you know that in order to dance well you have to close your eyes and let the romance begin," Peres, on a three-day visit, told reporters Monday. "Peace is a romantic process, not a mechanical one." Peres described the Middle East peace process as being "in a crisis, but not in danger." Peres is scheduled to meet with President Carlos Menem, political leaders and members of Argentina's 250,000-strong Jewish community, Latin America's largest, during his visit. *AP*

Car of gunman investigator's son set ablaze

A car belonging to the son of the chief investigator in the case of Ahmed Daqansh, an army soldier who gunned down seven Israeli schoolgirls last month, was set ablaze early yesterday, security officials said in Amman yesterday. No one was injured. The officials said the car was set on fire at 3:30 a.m. while parked outside the Amman house of the investigator, Mohammed Rasoul Kilani. It belonged to his son Abdul-Rahim. "Investigations are under way to find out the motive and the identity of the perpetrators," one of the security officials said. Kilani, a retired army general, and members of his family declined to comment. *AP*

Pessah exodus begins

The Pessah exodus began yesterday according to El Al, which expects to fly some 128,000 people before the beginning of the holiday, company spokesman Nachman Klieman said yesterday. The company is adding some 30 flights to popular destinations and has scheduled some 50 flights to destinations in North America, including a direct flight to Orlando. Airports Authority spokeswoman Sara Erez said that the authority has not drawn up a forecast for the entire holiday season. So far, the busiest days in the near future will be tomorrow and Sunday, which each have 200 flights, she said. The authority expects about 30,000 people to pass through the airport tomorrow and about 35,000 on Sunday. *Haim Shapiro*

HU students to celebrate Pessah in Ukraine

Twenty-six North Americans studying at the Hebrew University's Rothberg School for Overseas Students will be helping lead Pessah celebrations throughout Ukraine. They are participating in a special UJA-Hillel Pessah project in which they attended a course, "The History of the Jews in the Former Soviet Union and After, 1917 to the Present," in preparation for their trip. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Showing 'Crash' justified to High Court

The Film Censorship Board and Forum Film Inc. yesterday presented the High Court with their response to a petition, filed by the National Council for the Prevention of Traffic Accidents, seeking to prevent the screening of the film *Crash*. The respondents argued that the petition is without substance, and said that the board's decision the film could be shown is rooted in the value the nation's laws place on free speech. *Itim*

Public-sector sanctions continue

By DAVID HARRIS, JUDY SEGEL, and HAIM SHAPIRO

Government employees held work stoppages yesterday and threatened more interruptions on Sunday unless their demands are met. Meanwhile, doctors at Jerusalem's two Hadassah-University hospitals stepped up sanctions and a strike at Kupat Holim Clalit is to enter its third day. Some 10,000 workers at 15 ministries held a series of stoppages and scaled down services to the public, to protest against the Treasury's refusal to reconsider the pay agreement signed last year. The Foreign, Defense, and Labor and Social Affairs ministries were not affected. Last summer the Treasury and work force reached an agreement that added a monthly NIS 205, three-quarters of which became payable in July and the remainder this January. The agreement added

some NIS 30 million to the public payroll. As part of the agreement, from this month the additional payment was to be transferred from a shekel-basis to a percentage of the wage. However, according to Wages and Labor Agreements director Yossi Kucik, the workers representatives have made new demands, which would add a further NIS 5m. "I am not prepared to meet these demands, but am happy to transfer from the shekel-linkage to a percentage basis," said Kucik. It is still unclear how the issue will be resolved, but Kucik admitted it is quite likely the National Labor Court will have to intervene. According to Michael Levine, head of the Transport Ministry union, the issue is related to the fact that many government workers enjoy a percentile increment to their wages, while others do not. The increments range from a high of 30 percent for income-tax officials

to 7.5 percent at the Labor Ministry. Foreign Ministry workers get an additional 12 percent and employees of the rabbinical courts an added 22 percent. Those not enjoying the additional payments include employees of the ministries of Transport, Housing, Interior, Tourism, Absorption, Industry and Trade, Finance, Environment, Agriculture, the Prime Minister's Office, and the Israel Lands Administration. Levine said yesterday that if the Treasury does not accede to the workers' demands, they would step up their action next week. In Jerusalem, all Hadassah-University Hospital staff on the faculty of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School will stop teaching from today until further notice. In addition, 900 Hadassah doctors said they would institute "go-slow" action in the emergency rooms of the Mt. Scopus and Ein Kerem hospitals

today and tomorrow will shut down all outpatient clinics, including the Sharap (private) clinics. The doctors are protesting against what they called "the unilateral cancellation by Hadassah Medical Organization management of the labor agreement in order to implement a recovery program proposed by the government." Their one-day general warning strike was to end this morning at 7. The doctors are objecting to management's intentions to implement a four-year recovery program to overcome HMO's NIS 187 million deficit. Scores of non-emergency operations were cancelled, diagnostic institutes and outpatient clinics were closed, and fewer doctors were on the wards. Few patients came to the clinics, as they had been informed by the news media of the strike. No negotiations have been scheduled, but HMO director Prof.

Shmuel Penchas warned the medical staff that non-cooperation with management would only harm their workplace. Despite the labor unrest in the hospitals, the three top people in the Health Ministry are abroad: Minister Yehoshua Matza and associate director-general Dr. Boaz Lev are in China for the last part of a working visit, and director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash is in the US. The strike by Kupat Holim Clalit administrative and maintenance workers will go into its third day today unless efforts begun last night by Histadrut chairman MK Amir Peretz bear fruit. The strike, which encompasses 8,000 workers and has put a Shabbat and holiday schedule into effect, has reduced cleaning, reception, laundry and other services. The workers are protesting against management's failure to implement a wage and salary-scale agreement signed in 1993.

Tnuva, SPNI dance with Golan wolves

By LIAT COLLINS

"Born to be Wild," a wildlife protection program, was launched yesterday with a joint tour on the Golan Heights by its sponsors, Tnuva and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, with the help of GitambDO and the Nature Reserves Authority. The program, the idea of GitambDO managing director Moshe Teomim, aims at a long-term partnership between Tnuva and "Born to be Wild" as a non-commercial wildlife protection scheme. The plan calls for a NIS 1 million investment in 1997 for a project protecting wolves, establishing a hospital for wildlife, and a countrywide educational program to explain the importance of saving endangered species. The first stage aims at helping prevent the extinction of the gray wolf, a subspecies found only on the Golan Heights. The current population stands at between 40 and 50 wolves. NRA zoologist Dr. Tamar Ron emphasized the international concern at the threat to the subspecies unique to this area. "Not everybody is thrilled at the prospect of the wolf population growing larger, however. Yesterday's visit included meetings with cattle breeders on the Golan Heights who blame the predators for attacking hundreds of heads of cattle, sheep and goats a year. "Born to be Wild" hopes to cre-



Dalik Wolinitz (left) and Orly Yaniv get acquainted with two wolf cubs during the kickoff yesterday on the Golan Heights of a wildlife protection project. (Yossi Zecher)

ate a means of peaceful coexistence between the cowboys and the wolves, said SPNI director Eltan Gedalozon. A detailed study is being made of the wolf population, its habits

and territory. The wolves are being fitted with collars carrying transmitters to monitor their movements and warn herders of when they are in the area. Eventually the plan calls for an

alarm system in 10 cattle ranches which would be automatically triggered off by a device fitted to the transmitters. A public body including both nature protection specialists and

celebrities will supervise the project. Yesterday's gathering got television stars Orly Yaniv and Dalik Wolinitz and his son, Tom, off-screen and into the hills to dance with the wolves.

Pessah cleaning alert: Household chemicals should be kept far from children's reach

The current pre-Pessah cleaning period is the most dangerous to small children, when cleaning materials left unsupervised lead to the largest number of poisoning incidents of any time of the year. In addition, those who clean house should never mix two types


of chemicals together, as they can give off noxious fumes and cause severe burns to the respiratory and digestive systems. Among the symptoms of inhaling or swallowing chemicals are severe coughing, shortness of breath, a burning sensation in the chest, pain in the throat, nausea, vomiting and headache. Inhalation of chemicals can cause serious damage even 12 hours after exposure. The active ingredients in the chemicals can cause the lung tissue to break down; if caustic soda or other harsh chemicals are swallowed, it can destroy the stomach lining. In the event of chemical poisoning, remove the victim from the area and ventilate the room. If the

chemicals have soaked into his clothing, remove them and wash the victim in water. Call an ambulance or go immediately to the emergency room for help, bringing the containers of chemicals involved with you. Use only those cleaning materials that meet Israeli standards and have labels detailing what they contain and their concentration. Keep your distance from the chemical while pouring it to prevent drops from reaching the eyes and mouth. It is preferable to wear rubber gloves while using the materials. Never leave chemicals or even a bucket with water near a baby or small child. Don't store cleaning materials near food or in an unlabeled container.

Inquiry: Air force used wrong helicopter data for 20 years

For the past 20 years the air force has been using the wrong control settings in its Bell-212 helicopters, due to a failure to understand the manufacturer's instructions. This fact emerged yesterday in the report of an inquiry into the December 1994 crash of one of the helicopters, in which two aircrew were killed. The findings were broadcast by Israel Radio reporter Carmela Menashe. The pilot, Capt. Shmuel Ben-Gershon, and flight mechanic, Sgt.-Maj. Moshe Cohen were killed in the crash, which was not reported as a helicopter mishap at the time by the IDF Spokesman, but as an "accident caused by a mechanical failure in the equipment they were using." The board of inquiry found that, during all the years of maintenance, "the steering adjustment

was not performed, due to a misunderstanding of the manufacturer's instructions; because a table of settings was used that was not appropriate for air force helicopters or their missions." The inquiry also found that the helicopter crashed during a nighttime test flight - banned by regulations - of its cargo-lifting capability. The helicopter went out of control and crashed while trying to winch up a weight of some 600 pounds; "a weight that had been found in a 1988 trial to exceed the specifications of the helicopter." The "1988 trial" referred to a near accident involving the same type of helicopter, after which the winching limit was supposed to be 375 pounds. However, the inquiry noted, this finding was never distributed among the pilots. *(Itim)*


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Mordechai meets with reserve pilots

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told a group of reserve helicopter pilots yesterday who came to him seeking support amid an ever-growing anti-Air Force sentiment in the public in light of aircraft crashes that the Air Force conceded to "fall behind the difficult truth."

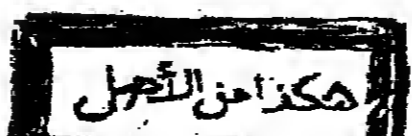
The two-hour meeting also included Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak and OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu. According to the Defense Ministry, the pilots told Mordechai they felt the negative public attitude was likely to prevent officers from signing on in the service and from taking risks during operation actions.

Mordechai assured them that the role of the Air Force was still appreciated in the public and that it was central to the defense of the state. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

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Non-Aligned seek bigger UN council

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — Foreign ministers of more than 100 nations of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) said yesterday that the UN Security Council should not discriminate between rich and poor countries.

At the end of a two-day meeting panel also called for a special session of the UN General Assembly on the Middle East, which figured prominently at Monday's opening session by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. (Story, Page 12)

"There shall be no partial or selective expansion or enlargement of the membership of the Security Council to the detriment of developing countries," the ministers said in a special declaration on UN reforms.

"Attempts to exclude NAM from any enlargement would be unacceptable to the movement," Indian Foreign Minister Inder Kumar Gujral told a news conference after the meeting.

The ministers also sought to eliminate the veto power of the permanent members of the council — the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia — as part of the move to reform the United Nations.

An Indian diplomat said the wording was aimed at discouraging a pending proposal from the General Assembly president, Razali Ismail, that could see

Japan and Germany included as permanent members in an expanded Security Council.

The proposal, made earlier this year in New York, aims to complete a restructuring of the council by next February.

The meeting of the 113-nation Non-Aligned Movement, widely considered irrelevant by critics after the end of the Cold War, received a boost from UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who backed efforts for UN reforms in the inauguration he attended.

The ministers yesterday adopted a special declaration calling members to freeze ties at the current level with Israel. But officials said the nations were free to express their reservations and were not bound to freeze ties.

The ministers adopted a 100-page document called the New Delhi Declaration that spoke for developing countries' interests on a number of economic, political and environmental concerns.

The ministers called on the Conference on Disarmament to establish, on priority, an ad-hoc committee to start negotiations on a phased program for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons within a specific framework of time, including a Nuclear Weapons Convention," the declaration said.

Zaire's rebels make gains

By DONNA BRYSON

KINSHASA (AP) — Rebel forces were within a few kilometers of Zaire's second largest city Lubumbashi yesterday, and the government predicted its fall within hours as residents huddled inside for safety.

"Everyone is afraid, everyone is staying in their homes," said Dr. Makwenge Kaput, a Lubumbashi resident reached by telephone from the capital, Kinshasa, 1,500 km away.

Makwenge, a health officer for the state-owned mining company Gecamines, said the sounds of fighting had been growing nearer since Monday, the same day several government army officers briefly took over the state radio station there and urged soldiers to join Laurent Desire Kabila's rebel army.

The officers were arrested, and defense ministry spokesman Leon Kalima said the southeastern city remained in government

hands early yesterday, but state radio's prediction of its imminent fall indicated the seriousness of the rebel threat.

The Voice of Zaire in Kinshasa said the fall was expected in "a matter of hours." Usually, Zaire's government has denied its battlefield losses until Kabila's rebel army has marched into a city and taken over state radio.

The New York Times reported yesterday that some government soldiers had joined the rebels and that mortar fire could be heard around the city's international airport.

Lubumbashi is the capital of the mineral-rich Shaba region, whose cobalt and copper — along with the diamonds from Mbuji-Mayi, which fell Friday — form the basis of Zaire's wealth.

With peace talks in South Africa apparently stalled, Kabila shows no signs of slowing his sweep through eastern Zaire.

Accompanied by foreign diamond-mining

executives, Kabila flew to Mbuji-Mayi to survey the latest victory in his six-month battle to unseat Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko.

Kabila headed for the luxurious presidential residence known as "Villa Mobutu" to seal his hold on the city.

Mobutu, who has ruled Zaire through iron will and political guile since 1965, established residences in most of Zaire's major cities, although he seldom traveled in the country.

There were few signs of fighting in Mbuji-Mayi. Residents said some people had been killed resisting the Zairian army looters.

Dancing through the streets and waving banners were hundreds of supporters of Etienne Tshisekedi, whom Mobutu reluctantly appointed as prime minister last week under pressure from the opposition.

"We want Mobutu out," said Joseph Kasende, a 30-year-old taxi driver. "We are very happy to see Kabila."

Since the early 1990s, Mbuji-Mayi, the capital of Eastern Kasai region, has been functioning as a nearly autonomous territory. After Mobutu tried to curb rampant inflation by issuing new banknotes, authorities there refused to accept them and kept using the old ones.

Diamond mining and trading are the backbone of Mbuji-Mayi's economy. Retreating Zairian troops did loot and pillage as they left in advance of the rebels, it appeared that business would soon get back to normal once the traders — most of them Lebanese — returned.

"Soldiers came and shot in the air," said Faustin Kanda, an employee at a diamond-trading firm. The soldiers shot out a front window.

"But they didn't get any diamonds because the boss left with them a week ago. He'll be back in a month."

Yeltsin lashes out at gov't officials

MOSCOW (AP) — In what has become a trademark routine, President Boris Yeltsin chewed out his prime minister in front of television cameras yesterday, demanding solutions to the country's wage and pension crisis.

"First of all I would like to hear your answers to the questions about the wage situation and, secondly, tax collection," Yeltsin told Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, shown sitting gloomily across a table in the president's Kremlin office.

"I have information that only 42 percent of the planned amount of taxes were collected in March," he said sternly.

In recent weeks, Yeltsin has taken to publicly reproaching top officials, denouncing their control over the government and directing the blame towards his subordinates.

Six weeks ago, he dished down Chernomyrdin over the same problems, which led to a cabinet shakeup, but there has been little apparent improvement on key issues including tax collection.

Yeltsin, who has ruled Russian

since the Soviet collapse in 1991, has spared himself from blame for the economic crisis, which has left millions of Russians scraping to get by on homegrown food and second jobs. Health problems, including heart surgery, kept him largely absent from public life for about eight months after he was re-elected last July.

Yesterday Yeltsin repeated demands that the government finish work soon on new tax legislation that would streamline the nation's convoluted tax system, reducing evasion and improving collection.

The Russian government is trapped in a cycle of uncollected taxes and unpaid bills, owing trillions of rubles (billions of dollars) in wage debts to millions of workers nationwide. Some 2 million took part in a nationwide protest against the government last month.

In the first quarter of this year, the government raised only 48 percent of projected budget revenues and will have to cut spending correspondingly, the business daily *Kommersant* said yesterday.



Boris Yeltsin



A monumental task: A worker steam cleans the statue of Abraham Lincoln inside the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC yesterday. The monument, one of Washington's main tourist attractions, is cleaned annually to combat the effects of pollution and grime. (Reuters)

Greece, Italy squabble over Albania

ATHENS (AP) — One of Greece's biggest holidays celebrates the anniversary of the war it fought and won against Italy in Albania at the start of World War II.

With Italy now planning to lead its first military mission in more than a half century, Greece and its neighbor across the Adriatic Sea once again find themselves in the trenches over the impoverished Balkan nation.

Bickering between the two NATO allies has focused on where each country will send its troops, but the squabble has larger political and economic implications: Which of Albania's two largest trading partners will exert the most influence there in coming months and years? "I wouldn't talk about a Greek-Italian crisis. I would say there is an ongoing discussion," said government spokesman Nikos Athanasakis.

Greek media have not been as diplomatic, with headlines recalling Oct. 28, 1940, the day Italy declared war on Greece and invaded the country through Albania. In a horrific winter battle, outnumbered Greek troops pushed back the Italian army to the Albanian port of Vlorë.

"New epic over Albania. Italy fighting us over where forces will go," roared the normally staid Athens daily *Eleftherotipia*.

Italy plans to command the 6,000-member force and contribute about a third of the troops to protect humanitarian shipments and try to restore order in lawless Albania.

Greece plans to send a reinforced mechanized battalion of 700 soldiers, which Italy yesterday said could go to Tirana and tentatively to Vlorë.

Defense Minister Akis Tsochadzopoulos also told the

Italians that Greece was ready to double the number of promised troops for a countrywide deployment.

France plans to send about 1,000 troops. Austria, Denmark, France, Romania, Spain and Turkey also have pledged soldiers.

"This is a very dangerous situation and it should not serve as an opportunity for competition. This is what Italy is trying to do," said Christos Papoutsis, Greece's European Union Energy Commissioner.

Both Athens and Rome want to prevent thousands of refugees from swarming into their countries. More than 12,000 have already fled to Italy. Greece is home to more than 200,000 illegal Albanian immigrants — many from the country's

ethnic Greek minority.

Premier Costas Simitis last week told his Albanian counterpart, Prime Minister Bashkim Fino, that Greece was not interested in creating a zone of influence in Albania "or to compete over influence with other countries." He made the statement a few hours after Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi flew to the southern Albanian town of Gjirokastra to meet Fino.

The Prodi trip was seen by some Greek officials as an attempt to detract attention from the importance of Fino's visit to Athens. Greece's diplomatic role was enhanced as Italy's position soured following the March 28 collision of an Italian warship and a vessel carrying fleeing Albanians.

French police nab freed 'Serpent'

PARIS (AP) — The man known as the Serpent, who for decades evaded charges of drugging, robbing and murdering more than a dozen tourists in Asia, stepped off a plane hoping to find freedom yesterday.

Instead, Charles Sobhraj was met by French police investigating his sordid past.

Deported from India after serving 21 years in prison for theft, Sobhraj was taken into custody after arriving at Charles de Gaulle airport after arriving on an overnight flight from New Delhi.

Sobhraj has earned the nickname "the Serpent" for his talent at disguise, escapes, and media manipulation.

His French lawyer Jacques Verges, known for defending other notorious figures, waited more than a half hour with a mob of reporters at the airport before he found out Sobhraj was detained.

"We are in an absolutely grotesque situation," he said angrily. Predicting his client would eventually be released, he said the detention "shows the government's weakness." At first, police sources said the 52-year-old Sobhraj would be detained for "a few hours" while his status — both in terms of his nationality and in terms of any records of past crimes — was investigated.

But the questioning dragged on into the afternoon, with judicial source saying a French national filed a complaint yesterday that Sobhraj allegedly tried to poison him or her more than 20 years ago.

Police opened a preliminary investigation into the complaint, and a court in Bobigny, a northern Paris suburb, questioned him yesterday afternoon.

Officials said earlier that the statute of limitations had run out on the allegation.

Sobhraj was born in Vietnam when it was ruled by France. He says he is a French national, a claim authorities have been investigating.

Last Friday, the French Embassy in New Delhi issued Sobhraj a travel permit to come to France after weeks of wrangling over his status, during which he was stranded at a police station.

Singer reunited with daughter she gave up

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Folk singer Joni Mitchell admits she took a gamble when she gave up her two-month-old daughter for adoption in the 1960s.

A 20-year-old unwed art student at the time, Mitchell says she wasn't ready for motherhood.

"An unhappy mother does not raise a happy child," Mitchell was quoted as saying yesterday in the *Los Angeles Times*.

Mitchell was reunited earlier this month with the daughter she gave up for adoption 32 years ago. Kilauea Gibb and her 4-year-old son, Martin, recently visited the singer in Los Angeles.

Mitchell said she doesn't remember much about the adoption process.

"I don't remember any of this. I blocked it all away." The 53-year-old singer recalled the hardships of being poor, pregnant and unmarried in the 1960s in Canada.

"The main thing at the time was to conceal it, the scandal was so intense. A daughter could do nothing more disgraceful. It ruined you in a social sense. You have no idea what the stigma was. It was like you murdered somebody."

Mitchell, raised in Saskatchewan, Canada, had the child with Brad McManis, a Toronto photographer, in 1965, said Mitchell's father, Bill Anderson. The girl's birth name was Kelly Dale Anderson.

The singer rushed into marrying musician Chuck Mitchell to try to raise the girl with a father, but the marriage lasted only two months.

About three years after putting her daughter up for adoption, Mitchell's singing career took off. In 1968, she released her first recording, *Song to a Seagull*. Mitchell had unsuccessfully searched for her daughter for years.

Gibb didn't find out she was adopted until she was 27. About five years ago retired teachers

David and Ida Gibb told their daughter she was adopted.

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The vision thing

The snap, back-to-back visits to Washington by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and a high-level Palestinian delegation were attempts to influence the emergency surgery President Clinton is prepping for on the Oslo Accords. For the surgery to be successful, it should address the longer term structural problems of concern to both sides, not just the presumed cause of this particular crisis.

Oslo, like it or not, did not require Israel to freeze the expansion of Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria, and certainly did not restrict Israeli building in eastern Jerusalem. Now the United States is in effect proposing to open Oslo and neatly add such a commitment.

So far, the only guideline explicitly stated by President Bill Clinton for this surgery is that "freedom from terrorism is something that no one should have to purchase." In other words, Israel will not be asked to trade a settlement freeze for a halt to terror. But separating these two demands over time does not make it less of a trade.

If the Palestinians balk terror oow, and a settlement freeze is added to Oslo later, Israel is still making precisely the purchase that Clinton rightly ruled out. The only difference is between paying up front, in cash, and paying on the installment plan.

If Clinton's welcome and constructive statement is to mean anything, it must mean that the surgery ahead, if any, will make reciprocal changes to Oslo: something Israel wants for something the Palestinians want.

Ideally, the surgery would not only stabilize the patient, but go as far as possible to prevent a relapse.

The way to make this surgery as healing and preventive as possible would be to add a freeze on new settlements (or substantial expansion of existing ones) in exchange for canceling at least one of the next two further redeployments. These two changes would remove the two elements that threaten to kill Oslo before even reaching the more difficult final-status issues that lie ahead.

It is not just the US that, in attempting to resolve this crisis, must think ahead to the final-status talks. Despite all the talk about accelerated negotiations ending in a Camp David-style crescendo, Netanyahu has not really begun to lay the groundwork for such talks, either within his government or the people of Israel.

All Israelis see of Netanyahu's vision of a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian dilemma is a fuzzy image in negative form: no return to the 1967 lines, no militarized Palestinian state, no divided Jerusalem. It is not enough, however to

proclaim what the future does not hold - what is Israel's positive goal in the peace process.

Nor can this goal be devised overnight, or by the prime minister himself. It must be developed over time, and in widening concentric circles. The unity and consensus that Netanyahu rightly seeks must be built, piece by piece, minister by minister, party by party, and beyond - to include a solid majority of Israelis.

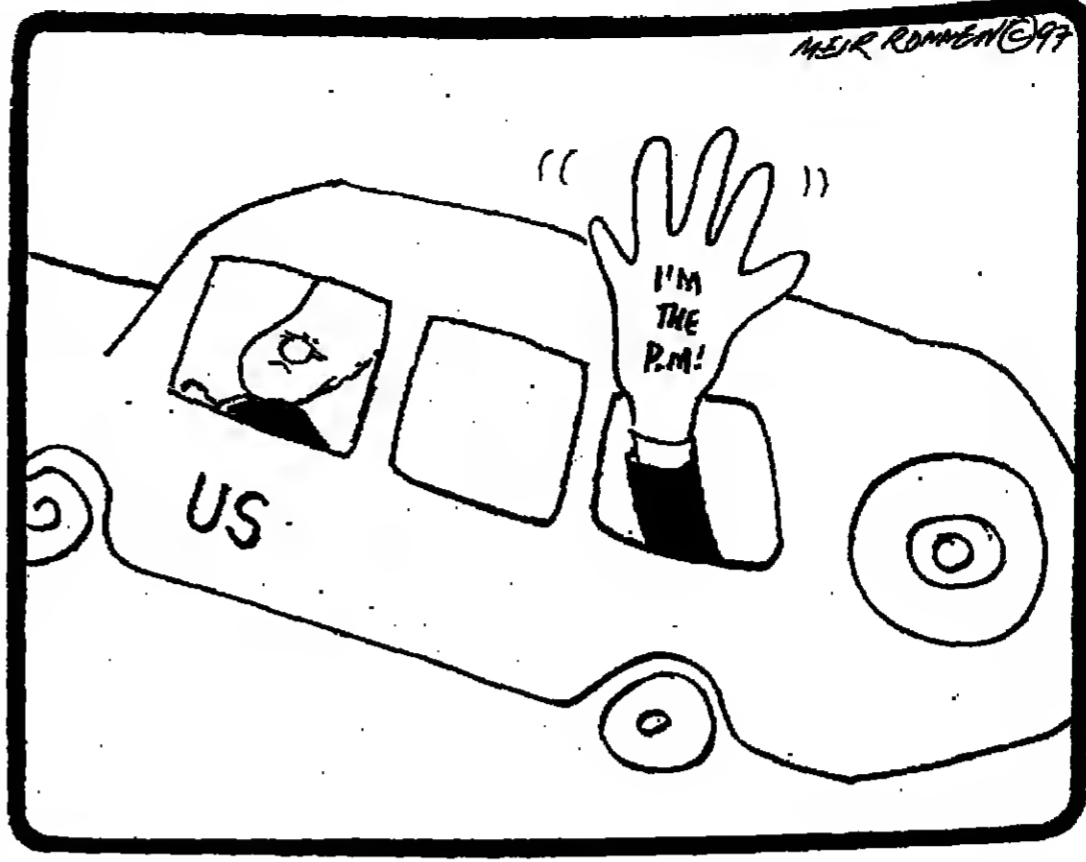
True, Netanyahu may have been too busy lurching from crisis to crisis to build such a consensus. But it is precisely such a long-term vision, built on consensus, that will help prevent such crises. Without a sense of direction or destination, Palestinians and Israelis are both left with their worst fears, and extreme uncertainty becomes fertile ground for desperate acts.

Presumably, Netanyahu's problem with what George Busb called "the vision thing" is that, while the Palestinians only strengthen their negotiating position by describing in detail what they want, Israel could weaken its position by describing what it will give.

But this logic can work for Israel, too. Israel must shift part of the focus away from what it will give to what it wants: a complete and final peace with the Palestinians.

One might think that Israel's goal of a full peace goes without saying. It does not. As the dean of Israeli security analysts, Ze'ev Schiff, wrote recently, "Netanyahu is good for the Arabs, because the 'technique' [of balancing concessions to the right and left] is turning the whole world against Israel, and because, despite its gradual concessions, Israel is losing all its friends and any support it once had. With Netanyahu, the Palestinians can achieve considerable progress: after succeeding in setting up their own state, they can prolong the dispute with Israel, can prevent the establishment of normalization and can keep open the option of 'war.' In other words, if Israel is not careful, there could be a Palestinian state without the Palestinians officially ending their conflict with Israel.

The way to prevent this is to define early on the nature of the peace Israel is demanding, and the outlines of what Israel is willing to give for such a peace. If Israel never sets a marker for the peace it wants, its demands for it will seem like quibbling compared to established Palestinian demands for a state. Waiting until the last minute will not work. The time to establish the link between the depth of peace and the depth of Palestinian sovereignty is now - not at the end of negotiations when it is too late.



Beyond the Cindy story

London's Sunday Times really went to town this week. How it had finally managed to track down "Cindy" - whose real name is Cheryl Ben-Tov - in the US.

This is the former Mossad agent who enticed Mordechai Vanunu to Rome, from where he was abducted to Israel, tried for treason, and sentenced to 18 years in prison.

Several months ago the paper reported with fanfare that it had traced the American-born agent to an apartment in Netanya; but she apparently gave her pursuers the slip.

This new sensationalized story can be seen as yet another attempt by the newspaper (to which Vanunu revealed details of Israel's nuclear program a decade ago) and other interested parties in Britain to exploit the Vanunu affair in order to criticize Israel for its alleged nuclear weapons program.

I can't help wondering what the official and public reaction in Britain would have been had an Israeli newspaper assigned a team of journalists to track, photograph and generally encroach upon the privacy of Peter Mitchell, the former British defense attaché who was expelled from Israel a few years ago after being caught spying - specifically photographing Israel Air Force aircraft taking off and landing at Tel Nof airbase. (Why Tel Nof? Hardly coincidentally, Western sources have claimed this to be an Israeli nuclear weapons storage site.) Ironically, Israel's unquestionable need for a nonconventional or nuclear deterrent capability has been, albeit unintentionally, vindicated.

DANIEL LESHEM

cated by previous Sunday Times reports - written, incidentally, by the same Middle East correspondent, Uzi Machanaimi, who wrote this week's "Cindy" story for the paper.

Machanaimi recently focused on the threat posed by the chemical and biological weapons developed and produced by Iran, Syria and Libya.

In one of a series of articles on

In its rush for sensation, a British newspaper showed itself foolishly inconsistent

the subject, he went so far as to describe the vast Libyan chemical weapons production complex currently under construction at Tarhuna as a future threat to Britain, considering the possibility that Gaddafi might decide to supply the IRA with chemical weapons.

The Sunday Times quite clearly supports the US threat to bomb the Tarhuna plant, which should start functioning at the end of this year, if the Libyans do not shut it down themselves.

The Americans have hinted that they might be forced to use deep-penetration nuclear bombs to take out the underground chemical weapons plant. While this may be just psychological warfare, it

seems fairly clear that the US will do its utmost to carry out the mission using at least deep-penetration high-explosive bombs.

Added to the Libyan threat is the one posed by Iran's rapidly advancing nuclear weapons program, which assessments say can complete development of a nuclear device in the early years of the next century. Denmark has been the only country in the European Union with the courage to urge suspending the EU's policy of "critical dialogue" with Iran. Needless to say, the EU has not responded favorably to this urging.

Given that one of Iran's targets would be Israel, clearly no sane friend of this country could possibly advise us to strip ourselves of our deterrent power - whatever that might be - and submit ourselves to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (which has, by the way, only served to encourage countries like Iraq and Iran to develop nuclear weapons).

If the Sunday Times were honest and consistent, it would not, in the face of such dire threat to Israel, criticize it for attempting to protect itself; something any individual or state might be expected to do.

On the contrary: it would assert boldly that Israel must do everything in its power to protect its deterrent capability, never mind the Vanunu and Kingsbergs, and those who support them. Unfortunately, honesty and consistency are becoming rare commodities, and nowhere more so than in the foreign press.

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Film for sickos

FELICITY AMOCH

The film *Crash*, the latest in mass-media catering to society's lowest common denominator, has now opened in Israel's main cities. The story-line depicts five people who achieve sexual gratification from watching, then causing car crashes.

I have not seen the film, and, because of the publicity, cannot persuade any of my friends to see it either, even as a public service. However, the subject matter is clear enough from the hype and the outrage it has engendered in other countries.

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy asked the Film Censorship Board to ban the movie because it presents accidents as a source of pleasure, encouraging violent driving behavior. However, our weak-kneed High Court of Justice refused to grant a temporary injunction against the film's premiere until a petition by the National Council for Accident Prevention against the movie could be heard.

Next week, the court will set a date for hearing the petition. But by that time, the damage will have been done.

I can only assume that the people who go to see the film are those who will be influenced by it - the sickos we see on the road, who weave in and out of traffic, break speed limits, cut off slower drivers, tailgate and generally dice with other people's deaths.

What kind of society are we living in? A few years ago, there were standards, a fine the media didn't cross. People weren't shown in the throes of their grief-privacy was somewhat respected.

Now there are no taboos. We are treated on a regular basis to severed heads, fly-ridden bodies, to limbs and skin being peeled off trees after suicide bombings.

If the camera cannot linger over blood and brains splattered over a car seat, if a dozen vehicles aren't

Why didn't the censorship board and the High Court do their job and stop 'Crash'?

twisted and skewed over the highway, the event isn't deemed "newsworthy."

As one writer put it recently in this newspaper, "We have become catastrophe freaks."

Then, for our further enjoyment, there is no shortage of obnoxious material on the small screen, Internet and TV.

On Monday night I was repelled and fascinated in equal parts by *Brain Scan*, a movie in which a teenager is locked into a virtual reality game where murder is committed in the most brutal and graphic manner imaginable.

Since the actor and his friends were young, personable and popular in school, this grisly game could easily gather a cult following.

How long before it becomes translated into actuality?

THE positive and decent have little place in the press. We are constantly on the lookout for the squalid; the sleaze in politicians; the shattering of idols. Are we feeding on self-fulfilling prophecies?

Once we accept present standards as the norm, the media will have lost their power to shock. Then we will need even more deviant, bizarre behavior to be entertained.

Having recently organized an event in which 10 women, each with experience of tragic loss or serious injury on Israel's roads, met with Reuma Weizman (herself victim of a similar tragedy) we feel the insensitivity of the Film Censorship Board, the High Court of Justice, and the media as a personal rebuff.

Most journalists, by the way, were uninterested in this event because of other stories that were more "gripping," for example, about a babysitter whose two charges were killed while in her care.

What juicy morsels, then, can we produce for the media? Over 400 people have been killed on the roads since the new government came to power. Is that "newsworthy" enough?

We do not have to follow this downward spiral. We needn't destroy ourselves morally. Press freedom can mean reporting the positive as much as pursuing the aberrant.

Our society deserves better. In the case of films like *Crash*, the Censorship Board and the High Court should do their job, which includes guarding us against ourselves.

The writer is vice chair of Meituna-Jerusalem Road Safety Organization.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PALESTINIAN REFUGEES

Sir, - When dealing with the settlement of the Palestinian Arab refugees, justice and fairness should also be applied to the former Jewish refugees from Arab countries who presently constitute over half of Israel's population. If compensation for lost property and homes and for suffering and hardship is a *sine qua non* for lasting peace, it should be equally addressed with regard to the Jewish refugees.

Ironically, the hardship and suffering of the Arab refugees, like that of the Jewish refugees, was largely a product of the Arab countries' actions. Today, if the Arab League rescinds its resolution prohibiting Arab governments from giving citizenship to Palestinian Arab refugees residing in their countries, much of the problem of resettling the Palestinian Arab refugees would be instantly solved. Why is a child of Palestinian Arab descent, who is the fourth generation born and raised in Kuwait, not Kuwaiti? And in Saudi Arabia, not Saudi? And in Egypt, not Egyptian? In contrast, the former Jewish refugees, whose homes and considerable assets were confiscated by the Arab countries, became Israeli citizens long ago without forsaking their heritage.

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New York.

NOT LISTENING

Sir, - The article by Susan Bellos ("Dying gasp of fortress Israel?" March 21) is written in the spirit of those people on both sides who would like to give the peace process a chance. Unfortunately, this opinion is not being listened to at all at the moment.

V. BLOOM

OVER-CONFIDENT DECISION

Sir, - Netanyahu learned nothing from his rash, over-confident decision to open the Hasmonean Tunnel exit, which resulted in the loss of around 80 lives. Others before him had balked at this step because of the potential danger. He failed, as a responsible leader, in not taking into account the dangers inherent in this action.

His decision to build on Har Homa now is equally culpable. This action could give Israel an edge in the subsequent negotiations on Jerusalem. The reason given for building now was the unsubstantiated claim that Jews were leaving Jerusalem because of the housing shortage. To mollify the Palestinians, promises were made to build houses for them also and to undertake a number of outstanding projects in the Oslo agreement. These promises were perceived by the Palestinians as the transparencies that they are.

Israel has not only been condemned by the world's leaders (who cares?), the decision will cost Israel millions of dollars in lost trade, investment, tourism and goodwill. Only time will tell how many more lives will be lost.

If Dennis Ross can resolve this one, he should long be revered in Israel.

F.J. GOTTSSTEIN
Jerusalem.

DISGRACEFUL

Sir, - I was disgusted by the letter from Anna Rubin (March 27), objecting to Haim Shapira's factual report of hooliganism or terrorism by haredim against a group of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Rubin and her haredi friends are perfectly entitled to "object" to missionary activity, even though this is quite legal; they may even demonstrate against it. However, to throw stones, invade private property and vandalize and burn Bibles and other literature in the name of Judaism is a *hilul Hashem*. The feeble response of the police is a further disgrace.

STEPHEN S. COHEN

STRUGGLE FOR PEACE

Sir, - I applaud your consistent coverage of examples of peaceful coexistence and cooperative efforts between Jews and Palestinians. In particular, over the past few weeks, the articles regarding Play for Peace, Kibbutz Keturah, the Canada International Scientific Exchange Program and the Israeli-Palestinian Environment and Nature Protection Secretariat have been particularly well timed.

As a result of your article on Play for Peace, the coordinator of Play for Peace has already spoken to our Rehovot chapter of Peace Now in the hopes that our chapter, along with our partner in dialogue in the Palestinian village of Idna, could participate as did the children of Beit Sahur and Jerusalem.

In these times when peace is being threatened by all sides, what gives me the strength to struggle for peace is knowing that Jews and Palestinians can work together on projects of benefit to both peoples. In the words of one of our visitors from Idna, "Peace is not in the hands of our leaders. Peace is in our hands."

KATE SUGARMAN, M.D.
Rehovot.

UNFAIR FARE STRUCTURE

Sir, - Extensively advertised fares from London to Tel Aviv are some 56.6 percent lower than those from Tel Aviv to London, and the only explanation from top executives of El Al is "complexity and framework according to which air fares are established" - not one word that the general public and passengers can understand.

Four young members of my own family are traveling to London to be with their parents for Pessah and are faced with an enormous differential or the option of not using Israel's national airline.

KENNETH BERG

Netanya.

Yes, real peace is possible

I can well appreciate the disappointment of the "peace camp."

It is disappointing to be reminded that the Arab-Israeli conflict is not some neat trade dispute over cheese dumping between Belgium and Denmark. And it is sobering to consider that there are considerably more conflicts in the world like the former than the latter - at least in the sense that a necessary condition for postwar stability is firearms kept very much at the ready.

That said, I remain a firm believer in realistic negotiations. And as someone who has spent more time talking with Palestinian leaders than most leftists, I am convinced that there are many Palestinians who, once they become convinced Israel's negotiators are serious, will be willing to accept the acceptable.

What is acceptable? A realistic arrangement, one that reflects reality - namely, that the Palestinian Authority cannot be relied upon to handle critical, security-related issues.

Among other things, this means: "They can't have an army; in fact, ultimately they will have to cut down the size and arming of their so-called police force."

"They can't be responsible for security checks at their ports."

"They can't control access to places holy to Jews, particularly places like the Machpela Cave, which they also claim."

A violation of Arab honor? MK Yael Dayan pointed out to me last week that the Egyptians have managed to swallow the idea of much of Sinai being demilitarized.

IS THIS the stupidest person in the world? A woman traveled from Manchester to London thinking that a TV newscaster was speaking to her personally. He had ended a broadcast with "We'll bring you up to date at 5:40. Join me then." So naturally, she gussed herself up and arrived at 5:40 the next day for a date.

AARON LERNER

And Lloyd's inspectors can check every container being unloaded in Akaba to ensure that sanctions against Iraq are honored - and I don't see anyone in Jordan burning tires over it.

FREEZING matters for a few years while the parties "build confidence" is impossible because we are living, changing societies. And anyway, a one-sided halt on construction wouldn't freeze the situation. I have yet to find a Palestinian willing to freeze Arab construction in Jerusalem or anywhere else.

Israelis will be surprised to see how realistic Palestinians can be

Our neighborhood is dynamic. More happens here in a week than most places experience in a year.

Sure, the Palestinians will feel let down when their representatives agree to considerably less than a full-blown sovereign state. But the adjustment will come more quickly than anyone expects.

Those who insist that the Palestinians will "never" accept anything short of the West Bank, Gaza and eastern Jerusalem underrate their intelligence and encourage them to be inflexible.

This position is not based on self-pity, nor is it fuelled by

POSTSCRIPTS

WE DON'T usually do jokes in this part of the paper (or any other part, for that matter), but this one is too good to pass up.

PC Magazine, on a humor page called "Abort, Retry, Fail?," proposed the following news item: "Web giants Yahoo! and Netscape announced a surprise merger and relocation today. The new firm will move to Israel and call itself 'Net' Yahoo." Shulamith Kretzman

A SHARP-EYED reader noticed this unintentional whimsy in a recent article in the *Past*:

"... a sustained account of life in the Bronx as lived by an immigrant milkman, something of a tyrant in his household, a misogynist with two cowed daughters." Indeed, writes Rose Kelman of Jerusalem, perhaps we should take it for granted that a milkman would have cowed daughters!

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Ma'aleh Adumim.

GRAPEVINE

NIS 2 million bar mitzva

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Every Jewish family knows that a bar mitzva is a costly affair, but few people, even multi-millionaires, would spend as much as NIS 2 million on one. The exception is Australian gold-mining tycoon and philanthropist Joseph Gutnick, who is best known in Israel for underwriting the "Netanyahu is good for the Jews" campaign during last year's elections. He has now spent the cost of the bar and bat mitzva celebrations of some 1,000 immigrant youngsters and will tomorrow attend the religious ceremony at the Western Wall in Jerusalem and the subsequent festive celebrations at the Luma Park in Tel Aviv.

groom's father is a professor of mathematics.

CELEBRATED KABBALIST Rabbi Yitzhak Kadouri literally



Blessed bargains: Rabbi Kadouri inaugurates a new department store.

The megabash is being held more or less in coordination with the 95th birthday of Gutnick's mentor, the late Lubavitcher rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who passed away three years ago. Schneerson was born on April 18, 1902, which coincided with Nissan 11, 5662. In addition to Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau and Eliahu Bakshi Doron, the list of 7,000 invitees includes former Sephardi chief rabbi Mordechai Eliahu and 14 government ministers including Foreign Minister David Levy, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon.

collapsed in the crush last Thursday when he went to give his blessings to Tati, the French budget department store, which opened its first branch on the premises of one of Shekern's Jerusalem outlets. The throngs crowding around him were too much for the venerable sage, who had to be carried out like a bridegroom on a chair held aloft from the hordes who pushed their way into the store as if there was no tomorrow. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi Doron, who arrived in full regalia to affix the *mezuza*, was rushed backwards and forwards by burly bodyguards. Although some people in the crowd stopped to kiss his hand, most were too hell-bent on bargains to pay attention to a spiritual leader.

A SLIGHTLY less lavish affair for only 750 guests was held last Thursday at the Jerusalem Renaissance hotel when Shiraz Ben-Sasson became Mrs. Yair Furstenberg. The daughter of



Deep-sea Dustin: Studying diving for a new film.

Professor Menachem and Dr. Ada Ben-Sasson, the 21-year-old bride is the granddaughter of National Religious Party elder statesman Josef Burg and the niece of Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg. The 21-year-old groom is the son of Professor Hillel and Rochelle Furstenberg. It could well be termed an academic union. The bride's father is a professor of Jewish history and the

Timeless recipes

By DANIEL ROGOV

The bestselling book may be the Bible, but when it comes to fun and profit, publishers and booksellers adore cookbooks. In the last 20 years alone, books of just four top food writers - Julia Child, Anne Willan, James Beard and Claudia Rodin - have sold in excess of 30 million copies. And, as is about to be once again demonstrated, this time at an auction scheduled to take place tomorrow at Sotheby's in London, no one loves cookbooks more than antiquarians and collectors.

Among the highlights of the sale will be the book and letters written by Isabella Beeton. Beeton, who started her career as a journalist, had no special talent in the kitchen. She did, however, write the *Book of Household Management*, which appeared in 1861 and became the bible of middle-class

writers who made steps to standardize recipes and her cookbook included estimates of costs, quantities and preparation times for each recipe.

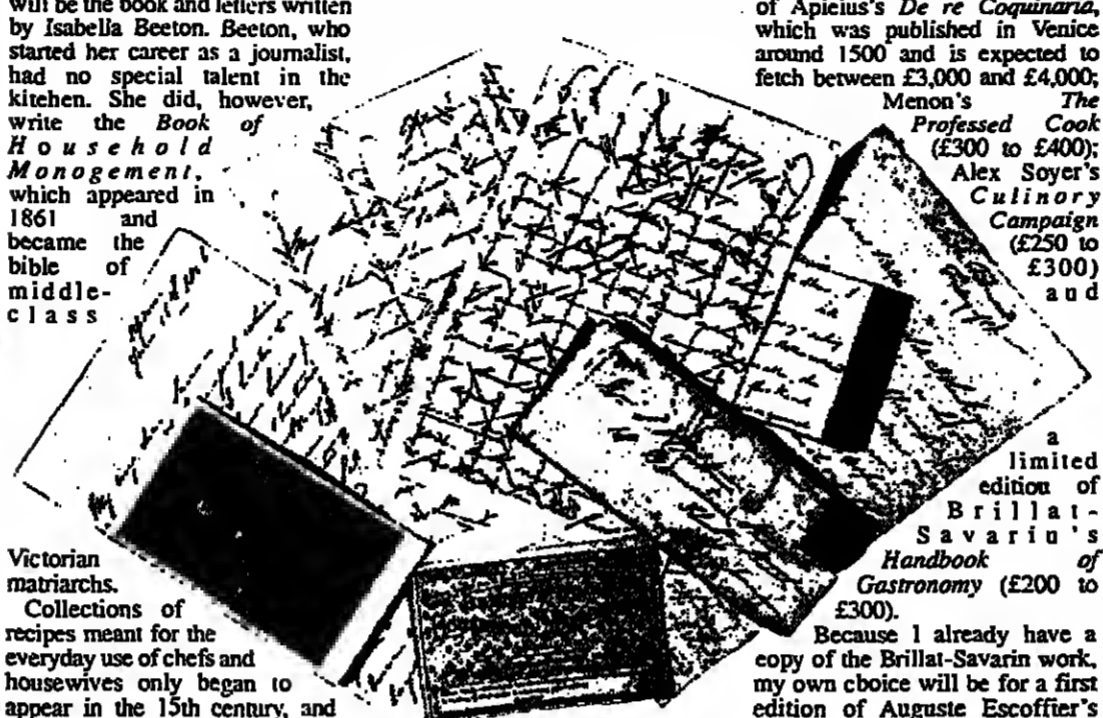
Despite the fact that most of her recipes will produce thoroughly English and thoroughly boring dishes, a first edition of the book is expected to draw between £400 and £600.

Even more valuable is a collection of Beeton's letters to her fiancée, Samuel. Addressed to: "My precious pet," and dated to about a year before their wedding, the letters are valued at between £4,000 and £5,000. In her letters,

ment of me and I can assure you will find me a most docile and willing pupil."

Like Beeton's letters, others of the lots being offered may offend modern women. The first edition of a collection published by Mary Keittly in 1814, for example, is entitled *A Collection of Above Three Hundred Receipts in Cookery, Physick and Surgery: for the use of all Good Wives, Tender Mothers and Careful Nurses*.

Among the more than 100 cookbooks being offered, others of special interest to serious collectors include a second edition translation of Apicius's *De re Coquinaria*, which was published in Venice around 1500 and is expected to fetch between £3,000 and £4,000; Menon's *The*



Isabella Beeton's letters

Beeton predicts "that we shall get on as merrily as crickets" and assures her fiancée, among other things, that "in a very short time you will have the entire manage-

PARENTING

How old is too old for thumb-sucking?

By RUTH MASON

Our 10-year-old daughter still sucks her thumb. Should we be worried about this? Should we take some sort of action?

Devora Kosner-Wachs M.A., clinical psychologist in private practice who also works with adolescent delinquent girls and runs mother-infant groups in Jerusalem, responds:

Thumb-sucking is very natural self-comforting behavior in the early months and years of a child's life. All babies have a natural sucking reflex that is not just a feeding but also a self-comforting reflex. We've even seen pictures of babies in utero sucking their thumb.

There are long-running debates over whether parents should encourage their young children (under five) to suck their thumbs or use pacifiers, and there is no easy answer.

Opponents of thumb and pacifier-sucking say the child is relying on an external object instead of developing internal comforting skills. Relying on something outside yourself for comfort keeps

you from building up your own inner emotional strength.

In ideal development, all comforting is initially provided by an external figure, usually the parent. As time goes on, the child develops an ability to calm down, to relax and comfort himself. Some people would say that allowing children to suck their thumb or use a pacifier for years doesn't force them to develop their own internal comforting mechanisms.

The other school of thought holds that modern Western society is so demanding of our children to absorb, learn and succeed, that the fact that the child has a way to shut down, relax, or turn off, is great. It's a natural, resourceful way for children to recharge their batteries. A thumb is always on hand and can be completely controlled by the child. As long as thumb-sucking isn't excessive, or is not something the child resorts to when under any kind of pressure, it's resourceful behavior.

As a general guideline, you would expect a good deal of thumb-sucking or pacifier use in the first year of life, less in the second year and still less in the third year. By the

fourth and fifth years, children who still suck their thumbs usually do so only when they are tired, bored or unhappy. There are some children who continue into the sixth and seventh year.

However, if thumb-sucking is being used often and persistently in response to many different situations after the third year, it's a sign that the child has become reliant on thumb-sucking for comfort and has not developed an ability to cope without it. It becomes a shield.

In a 10-year-old, thumb-sucking is a sign that the child is in some distress - either depressed, anxious or unhappy about something. Like bed-wetting, it's a sign that something is going on. You need to figure out what lies underneath the behavior. In my opinion, it would be worth your while to consult with a professional.

Having said all that, I know a couple of high-functioning adults who still suck their thumbs! Your daughter probably has a lot of other strengths; this may be one regressive behavior she holds onto during moments of insecurity. But it would certainly be worth looking into.

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The glib gladiators

By Sam Orbaum

Did you catch the prime minister's press-conference performance on TV from Washington late Monday night? Beautiful, wasn't he? Velvety smooth, amiable, convincing even when he launched into agenda-driven speechifying. Said all the things you'd hope to hear, bope the world heard, or at least whoever was watching CNN or BBC at the time.

Then, when the CNN studio presented that grinning arch-omosis, Hanan Ashrawi, for rebuttal, well! How could she follow such a sterling act? What could she say in the face of such baldly obvious truths?

"Methinks he doth protest too much," she purred, and continued to tear apart Netanyahu's discourse. And she was velvety smooth, amiable, convincing. Dammit, she's good, I thought, and wondered if Palestinian viewers could help but think the same about Netanyahu.

It doesn't matter to the wider world who was right or wrong, who contrived deceptions, told half-truths or full lies, misrepresented honesty; Palestinians might have respected Netanyahu's style but brayed at his content, and Israelis could have admired Ashrawi's artfully subtle condescension yet ragged at her words - but no one else other than we know which one of them was full of crap.

It was like the good old days (PR-wise) during the Gulf war, when Netanyahu spoke to the universe so eloquently, representing the rest of us taped into our sealed rooms.

In 45 minutes on Monday night he seemed to make up for Israel's shamefully destitute PR effort: decrying the cynical David-and-Goliath flip-flop; exposing the PA's malevolent manipulation of violence; averting that Israel, and not the Palestinians, have stuck to Oslo; countering the Palestinians' swelling gush of fondholding on claims to Jerusalem; telling the world - too, too late - that Har

Home and the Tunnel have been inflated into issues of World War III proportions (and inferring blame on the media he was facing for not giving the issues contextual proportion. "How can you do this, as journalists?" he implored. "How can the reality I just described elude your readers?")

OK, so he went on for too long at times, and a few of his attempts at self-deprecating humor fell flat. And maybe his audience, whoever cares enough to analyze his words, will bemusedly wonder how the Israelis could have been so perfectly behaved, and the

Palestinians so naughty, and four billion people so misled into believing the opposite.

But to most viewers, his mesmerizing finesse made him difficult to refute. He was not your typical glazy-eyed politician responding to questions from the Book of Familiar Nonquotations ("I cannot comment at this point in time"; "We are studying the matter"; etc.) He was passionate rather than mechanical, riveting, and expressive in his body language - which, as as a colleague of mine noted, was at times reminiscent of Mussolini's posturing.

Netanyahu and Ashrawi are two of the best graduates of CNN U, polished sound-bite artists (Netanyahu even, twice, made cutely sassy references to sound bites during the press conference). Both are quick-witted, with potent English vocabularies and a mastery of the language. They have convincing rhetorical talents and Western mentalities.

Makes you wonder if Netanyahu would be serving his country a lot better as a spokesman rather than a clumsy prime minister.

A tangential contemplation occurred to one observer of this Middle East Talk Show: What if, instead of these two glib gladiators, we had Arafat and, say, Arik Sharon, or David Levy, or, egads, Yitzhak Shamir articulating their respective people's causes? Not a pretty thought.

(Which brings up a further tangent: is Levy aware he's foreign minister? Not strictly relevant, I know, but I couldn't resist.)

In the end, though, slick oration is not going to make a difference: it may impress everybody but those who count. If the Palestinians and Israelis are going to stop our Lemming-like march to the precipice, we need to veer away.

How? Put on your seat belts. I have an idea.

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They would have to adopt the classic debating-class procedure of arguing one side of an issue - and then with equal dedication, embracing the opposite viewpoint. Yeah, that's right: let's see Ashrawi speak for the Israelis, and Netanyahu the Palestinians. I guarantee, for the first time, everyone they speak for would listen.

Maybe it's the only way we can come to understand each other. If nothing else, it would get the most intractable Jews and Arabs cheering for someone from the other side.

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BUSINESS

in brief

First quarter investment grants total \$387m.

The Industry and Trade Ministry granted investors during the first quarter a total of \$387 million, or 28% of its entire 1997 budget, ministry investment center director David Baruch said yesterday. The center received \$434m. in grant requests in the first quarter, a 36% drop from the same period last year. The center also received \$174m. in requests for non-grant, investment-aid packages, similar to last year. Investment in the tourism industry dropped to \$48m. from \$53m. from the corresponding period in 1996.

Jennifer Friedlin

Egypt strikes more oil

Apache Corp., an oil company based in Houston, announced yesterday that it had struck oil in Egypt's Western Desert. The company said that a test well was yielding oil at a rate of 1,764 barrels a day and that production would begin this summer. AP

Teledata wins \$4m. Bezeq tender

Teledata Communications Ltd. of Herzliya has won an international tender to supply Bezeq with \$4 million worth of telecommunications equipment this year, the company announced yesterday. According to the terms of the agreement, Teledata will supply Bezeq with its DCS-20E systems. The system is more compact than its predecessor and supports twice as many subscribers, the company said. The agreement also stipulates that Bezeq may purchase up to \$8.5m. worth of Teledata systems over the next three years, with an option to increase the quantity by up to 100 percent.

Teledata designs advanced wireline and wireless customer access network equipment for telephone operating companies. Its products are designed for the network transmission links that connect subscribers to the local exchange, or local loop. Teledata sells to customers in Europe, South and Central America, Asia, Africa and the Pacific Rim. The company, which reported \$57.1m. in revenues last year, recently signed a \$5m. deal with a Brazilian telecom operator.

Jennifer Friedlin

Argaman buys Gibor sock plant

Argaman Industries of Yavne yesterday said it bought a 50.5 percent stake in Gibor Sport's Kiryat Shmona-based socks manufacturing facility for \$3 million. During the first four years of operation, Gibor will receive 50%-80% of the company's profits.

Argaman director-general Yair Rotlevy said the deal will allow Argaman to increase its sock-producing activities and further expand into the European and American markets. Argaman's exports totalled \$20m. last year.

Jennifer Friedlin

Sharon backs proposed ban on land sales to foreigners

By DAVID HARRIS

Foreign ownership of state lands should be banned, according to the recommendations of a study commissioned by Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon to propose reforms in the Israel Lands Administration.

The report was publicly presented by its authors yesterday and officially endorsed by Sharon.

The committee, which suggests defining as foreigners those not eligible to live in Israel under the Law of Return, said the proposal aims to bar the entry of speculative capital into the country because of the pressure it might generate on real estate prices.

Sharon has given his full support to the report, which covers all major aspects of the ILA's work and recommends widespread changes in the administration, distribution and use of land throughout the country.

The report urges the careful dispersion of the population, but emphasizes the need to maintain the balance between urban and rural areas.

"We must not make Ashkelon to Nahariya one giant megalopolis," said Sharon.

If the recommendations are implemented, the ownership of some 700,000 apartments and houses will be placed in the hands of the existing owners, in exchange for a payment.

The report says that currently the state, through either the ILA or the Jewish National Fund,

owns 91%-92% of all land in the country.

Committee chairman Prof. Boaz Ronen says ending the status quo is a very important step in eliminating the deep-rooted bureaucracy.

In practical terms this means planning permission procedures for private citizens will become far less complex and should make it easier to build on one's own property.

The plan was based on projections that 50,000 dwellings will be constructed annually over the next 20 years.

In the agricultural sector the report recommends that estate holders in residential areas be allowed to register their land with permission to build on it as individuals rather than as part of

larger representative bodies and that they be permitted to divide their estates and sell individual residential plots.

Despite expressing concern about the report based on media speculation ahead of its publication, farmers' groups gave the recommendations a cautious welcome.

However, they said they need time to study them in detail. Having done this, they will then request a meeting with Sharon to express their views.

The report took half a year and 160 sessions to put together. Sharon will now take the recommendations to the senior decision-making body of the ILA, but no date has been set for the implementation of any of the recommendations.

Elta wins \$70m. RAF contract

By STEVE RODAN

Elta Electronics Industries has signed a \$70 million contract with Boeing Defense and Space Group to supply electronic support systems for Britain's Royal Air Force, executives said yesterday.

Under the contract, Elta, the Ashdod-based subsidiary of Israel Aircraft Industries, will supply electronic support measure systems, called EL/L8300UK, and related services for the RMPA project.

Executives said this is the first Elta contract with the RAF. The prime contractor of the RMPA, or Nimrod 2000, project is British Aerospace, and its partner is Boeing.

Executives said the order with Elta comprises prototypes and operational systems for the Nimrod 2000 aircraft fleet. The first prototype will be supplied in 1999, and the project will last about eight years.

Elta registered \$291 million in new orders last year, of which all but \$40m., in contracts signed with the IDF, was for export.

Auditors doubt Lloyd's ability to pay debts

By DIRK BEVERIDGE

LONDON (AP) - The group set up to handle old insurance claims at Lloyd's of London said Monday it has assets of £15.97 billion, giving it a cushion of £588m. over expected payouts.

But outside auditors who looked at the books of the Equitas Group weren't so sure, warning there are so many uncertainties that any projected cash surplus might be wiped out "to nil."

If cash runs low, Equitas could end up paying less than the full amount due to people with insurance claims.

If those policyholders wanted all their money, they would have to sue the old Lloyd's of London investors, who have sought for years to put an end to any potential losses at the insurance market.

Equitas chairman David Newbigging warned the investors that it won't be easy as Equitas seeks to bring all their dealings with the old Lloyd's policies to an end.

But Newbigging said business has proceeded on course since Equitas was formed in September, with "no major surprises." The creation of Equitas was the solution reached by Lloyd's to distance itself from the disasters it ran into from 1988-92, when the market lost £8b.

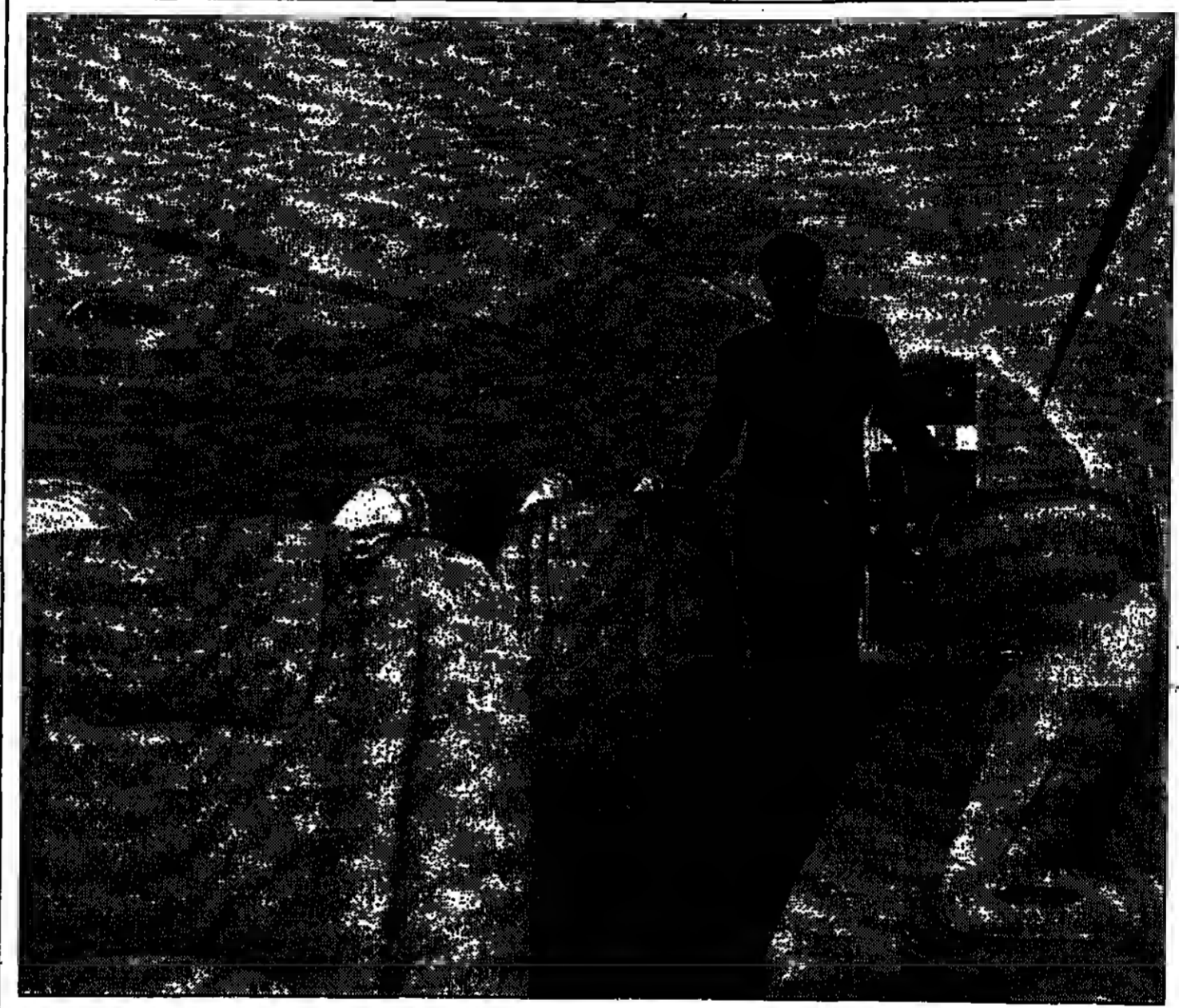
It blamed the string of bad luck on natural disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes, as well as US asbestos lawsuits.

Most of the investors, known as "names," signed on to Equitas, which has limited liability, in hopes of ending their financial nightmares.

When "names" backed policies at Lloyd's, they had to agree to unlimited liability, meaning they put up their entire personal fortunes "down to the last cufflink" on the line to back claims.

Now, they are left hoping that things go right at Equitas.

Although Equitas said assets comfortably outstrip liabilities, some of the claims won't be paid out for 40 years.



First LA to London non-stop flight on a business jet

Bryan Moss, vice-chairman of Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, stands inside the cabin of the company's newest business jet, the Gulfstream V in Los Angeles before its departure for the first non-stop Los Angeles to London flight by a business jet. The aircraft can carry eight passengers and cruise at 51,000 feet with a range of 6,500 nautical miles.

(Reuters)

Mitzna, Maxim Levy blasts Meridor's municipal wage enforcement bill

By DAVID HARRIS

A specially appointed committee of inquiry should examine the lack of funds for the education and welfare budgets for local authorities rather than salary excesses, MK Maxim Levy (Gesher) told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Responding to what some mayors define as Finance Minister Dan Meridor's declaration of war on excessive wage payments in the public sector, Levy said the vast majority of municipality budget deficits have built up through a lack of central government funding for essential services.

Union of Local Authority statistics suggest that out of a total municipality education budget last year of NIS 4.3 billion, some NIS 2.3b. was directly funded by the municipalities, with the remainder coming from

the government. "Claims of a lack of resources are a completely separate topic," a senior Finance Ministry source said last night.

"There is absolutely no doubt that excesses do exist, as attested to in the annual State Comptroller and Public Bodies Salaries reports."

"If anything, wages in the public sector should be considerably higher than they are today," said former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat. While agreeing that the exceptionally high salaries in public organizations such as banks are excessive, he said that in the whole pay in the public sector is unacceptably low, and as a result young talent is almost entirely moving to the private job market.

"The Treasury's approach is negative," added Lahat, who said it is unrealistic that a treasurer in Tel Aviv should work

for anything less than a monthly NIS 25,000 net. The existing salary for this post is NIS 23,000 gross.

"[Wage director Yossi] Kucik is himself responsible for adding to the pay excesses," said Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna. By agreeing to fresh wage settlements with the firefighters, for example, Kucik is as guilty as anyone, according to Mitzna.

If the issue is not resolved amicably, the municipalities will use all the means at their disposal, including a strike, to change the government's attitude, the Union of Local Authorities declared yesterday.

"The mayors are quite simply a cartel, which is usurping its power," the Finance Ministry source said in response to the various allegations.

"They are scared because this is the first time in the history of

the state we are actually going to do something about pay excesses."

Meridor is expected to meet leaders of the union early next week in an attempt to reach a compromise before the matter is discussed for a second time by the cabinet.

Both sides are already indicating that a compromise seems highly unlikely.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

(TRANSCAAL PROVINCIAL DIVISION)

CASE NO. 81866/96

In the matter between:
THE COMMISSIONER FOR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE Applicant
and
RONI TREISTER Respondent

NOTICE OF MOTION
TAKE HEREBY NOTICE that applicant intends to make application on 5 September 1996 on 10h00 or as soon thereafter as Counsel on behalf of Applicant can be heard, for an order in the following terms:

1. That this application be regarded as an urgent application and that the non-compliance of the Rules of this Honourable Court be condoned.
2. That the estate of Respondent is hereby placed under provisional sequestration in the hands of the Master of the Supreme Court.
3. That any interested parties which intend to oppose this order be called on to appear in this Honourable Court on the 1st day of October 1996 to furnish reasons why the Estate of the Respondent should not be placed under final sequestration.
4. That service of the Rule nisi be effected by attaching a copy thereof on or close to the outer door of the above Honourable court and by one publication thereof in the Government Gazette.
5. Alternative to paragraphs 3 and 4 above:
- 5.1 That Applicant be granted leave to serve the Notice of Motion and the Rule nisi by way of one publication thereof in The Jerusalem Post newspaper in Israel.
- 5.2 That Respondent by granted leave of 20 days after publication of this Notice to file an Intention to Oppose.
6. That the Respondent be ordered to pay the costs of this Application.
7. That the Master be directed to appoint a provisional Trustee as soon as possible.
8. That further and alternative relief be granted to Applicant.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the attached Affidavit by Christian Coenraad Burger will be used in support of this Application. Enrol the matter accordingly.

DATED at PRETORIA on this 4th day of SEPTEMBER 1996.

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presently in Israel
After having heard Counsel for the Applicant and after perusing the documentation and other papers filed it is ordered:

1. That the estate of the Respondent is hereby placed under provisional sequestration in the hands of the Master of the Supreme Court.
2. That the Master be directed to appoint a provisional Trustee.
3. That any interested person who wants to oppose the order be invited to appear in this Court on 15 April 1997 at 10h00 to furnish reasons why the estate of the Respondent should not be placed under final sequestration.
4. That service of the Rule nisi be effected by:
- 4.1 Attaching a copy thereof on or close to the outer door of the Court Building.
- 4.2 To publish a copy thereof in the Government Gazette.
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Ferguson: Watch out for German 'diving'

DORTMUND (Reuters) - Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson has called on officials to stand for no German gamesmanship during today's European Cup semifinal against Borussia Dortmund.

Germans have a reputation abroad for faking fouls. Ferguson said yesterday that players on the European continent sometimes took dramatic dives when they were tackled and also encouraged referees to hand out yellow cards.

"We hope the referee doesn't fall for the European tendency to go down when they are touched. There is a lot of that," the United manager said. "It is the culture. It is like that in a lot of countries. English people don't like to see that."

"You see a lot of players doing that," Ferguson said, making a hand movement like a referee showing a yellow card. "That is where the referee has to be strong tomorrow."

Andy Moeller, Dortmund's main creative midfielder force, was once involved in a much-publicized controversy for taking a theatrical dive in the penalty area during a German league match. TV showed that there had been no contact at all with a defender.

The German soccer federation has been forced to launch a tough campaign on players who cheat by "diving." The country's television stations often point out offenders.

While Dortmund are struggling with injuries, Ferguson was able to report a fully fit squad for the first leg in the Westfalen stadium.

United's volatile but brilliant Frenchman Eric Cantona is likely to be man-marked by Dortmund's Scot Paul Lambert, who has gained a reputation in the Bundesliga for being very efficient at canceling out influential players.

Ferguson said he was looking to the most experienced players in his squad such as Cantona and Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel to play key roles in the intense atmosphere.

Juventus-Ajax

The second semifinal today pits the 1995 and 1996 champions against each other and offers a repeat of last year's final.

The two sides were then evenly balanced, the Italian giants claiming the title on penalties. This year, though, Juventus appear to hold the trump cards.

Even in the Netherlands, many doubt whether Ajax can extract revenge. Last week the Dutch side's Finnish international Jari Litmanen rated Juventus the best club side in the world, saying they appeared even stronger than last year.

And at the weekend Juve appeared to prove him right with a 6-1 demolition of Italian champions AC Milan in the league.

But although Juventus start as favorites for the two-leg semifinal, Ajax's form has improved markedly since their stuttering start to the season. Since the winter break, they are unbeaten in Europe and have a 100 percent record in the Dutch league.

Setegn wins half marathon

Logistic shortcomings mar capital race

By HEATHER CHAIT

The Jerusalem Half Marathon was won in record-breaking time yesterday by Ethiopian immigrant Ayla Setegn.

Taking second and third places were two other immigrants from Ethiopia.

Setegn, who added the capital's title to his Tel Aviv win last month, slashed almost a minute off the mark set by Assaf Birno two years ago.

Setegn crossed the line at Teddy Stadium in a personal best of 1:08:53, lowering Birno's time of 1:09:44.

"I began the race slowly, sticking to the pace set by the other runners," said the 37-year-old Setegn during his post-race massage, "but at the 11-kilometer mark, when we reached the hills, I increased my pace and then settled down to concentrate on keeping my lead."

Bitting on Setegn's heels throughout the race and finishing just three seconds behind was Wodag Zevede.

"This is a good time for me with all these hills and because I only returned to training three weeks ago after an injury," said Zevede, 24. "For most of the race, Ayla and I were running completely alone."

Three minutes behind Zevede was Yosef Gizacho, in 1:11:46.

Slowing into fourth place was 20-year-old Yusef Rabia from eastern Jerusalem whose time was 1:16:52.

The first overseas runner was Hassan Belkheir from Morocco in sixth place.

Nili Abramski successfully defended her woman's crown. Finishing 14th overall, she also set a course record of 1:23:41. In 1992, her winning time was 1:24:13.

As with Setegn, Abramski also added this title to her Tel Aviv laurels from last month.

The 27-year-old drew loud applause from the children-packed stadium when she said, "The race was very difficult but entering this stadium to this welcome is worth everything."

Israeli women also took second and third place. Orna Blau finished in 1:30:00 followed by Anita Peres with 1:31:12.

"The hilly terrain and the gusty winds were not the only obstacles which had to be overcome, how-



STRIDE-FOR-STRIDE - Jerusalem Half Marathon winner Ayla Setegn (l) runs alongside runner-up Wodag Zevede.

Security okay for London Marathon, say organizers

LONDON (Reuters) - London marathon organizers said yesterday that it was unlikely that there would be any additional security measures for Sunday's race.

"We have lived with these issues for several years and have contingency plans in place to deal with any situation," said London Marathon chief executive Nick Bittel. Last Saturday, the Grand National horse race was postponed after a hoax bomb warning from the Irish Republican Army.

Bittel pointed out that the London Marathon had faced security issues in the past and that they had not affected the race.

"We have had a year to get ready for the marathon and will do whatever is necessary to maintain public order and safety," said a Metropolitan Police spokesman.

Butler misses first start; Alomar returns after suspension

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Brett Butler, sidelined most of last year because of tonsil cancer, missed his first start of this season Monday night because of a swollen lymph node.

However, he entered the game as a defensive replacement in the ninth inning and scored the winning run in the 15th.

After being examined by an ear, nose and throat specialist, Butler returned to Dodger Stadium after the game started between Los Angeles and the New York Mets.

He wound up with four plate appearances - two walks, a sacrifice bunt and a fielder's choice ground out.

In the 15th, he forced Todd Zeile before stealing second and scoring from there on a two-out infield hit by Tom Prince, giving the Dodgers a 3-2 victory.

Butler entered the game after the Dodgers scored twice in the eighth to tie the game 2-2.

Butler, 39, was diagnosed with cancer of the tonsil last May and later underwent surgery as well as radiation treatments. He returned to the Dodgers on September 6, but sustained a broken left hand in his fifth game back, an injury that sidelined him for the rest of the season.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Royals 6, Orioles 5

Host Kansas City scored the winning run in the ninth inning on Jeff King's sacrifice fly.

Fans booed Roberto Alomar, who returned to the lineup for the first time after serving a five-game suspension for spitting at an umpire at the end of last season. The Baltimore second baseman went 2-for-3.

A sellout crowd of 40,052 came to Kauffman Stadium to see the numbers of George Brett, Frank White and the late Dick Howser retired before the game.

Brewers 5, Rangers 3

Milwaukee's home opening win nearly became a forfeit when unruly fans delayed the game a half-hour when they littered the field with giveaway baseballs.

Nobody was struck by the balls, tossed from the outfield bleachers, the lower grandstand and the upper deck. They came mostly in waves at the start of the game and in the bottom of the second inning.

Texas Rangers manager Johnny Oates played the game under protest and pulled his players off the field twice in the second.

Tigers 10, Twins 4

Brian Johnson hit a three-run homer as the Tigers, swept in a three-game series at Minnesota to start the season, won at home for the first time since August 30.

Justin Thompson (1-0) became the first Detroit starting pitcher to win since that game.

Athletics 6, Red Sox 2

Mark McGwire and Jason Giambi each hit two-run homers, and host Oakland's pitchers recorded 12 strikeouts. Richie Lewis (2-0) got the win in relief.

Monday's NL results: Colorado 13, Cincinnati 2; San Diego 3, Pittsburgh 2 (10); San Francisco 4, Philadelphia 3; Los Angeles 3, NY 2 (15)

Monday's AL results: Detroit 10, Minnesota 4; Kansas City 6, Baltimore 5; Milwaukee 5, Texas 3; Oakland 6, Boston 2; Cleveland 8, Seattle 3; NY 5, Anaheim 3.

place the day before, but the mishaps did not end there.

The organization of the event was well below standard with entry lists not available even as the starting gun was fired. The authorities put this down to the municipal strike which had taken runners' lane.

Added to this were the death of people lining the roads, the frustrated drivers stuck in traffic jams, and the distinct absence of a metropolitan marathon atmosphere.

SCOREBOARD

UEFA CUP - last night's semifinal result, first leg: Inter Milano 3, Monaco 1.

CRICKET - Australia beat South Africa by eight runs in their one-day match at the Wanderers yesterday. Scores: Australia 259-7 (Michael DiVenuto 89), South Africa 250-8.

Zimbabwe beat Sri Lanka by 50 runs in the Sharjah Cup limited overs tournament yesterday. Scores: Zimbabwe 203 all out (49.5 overs), Sri Lanka 153 all out (46.1).

ENGLISH SOCCER - Monday's result: Leeds 0, Blackburn 0.

NHL - Monday's results: Hartford 4, Buffalo 2; Montreal 2, NY Islanders 1; NY Rangers 3, Philadelphia 2; Dallas 2, Phoenix 2; Vancouver 3, San Jose 2.

NBA - Monday's results: Charlotte 110, Cleveland 105 (OT); Miami 94, Detroit 88; Chicago 128, Philadelphia 102; Portland 110, Denver 104; Utah 116, San Antonio 93.

Masters' mystique has everyone's attention

AUGUSTA, Georgia (AP) - Last year's winner Nick Faldo had the Masters on his mind two weeks ago when he went to the practice green and stayed into the twilight, searching for the right feel in his putter.

Greg Norman had the Masters on his mind two months ago when he changed his schedule so he could play consecutive weeks of tournament golf before showing up at Augusta National.

Want more evidence that the mystique of the Masters has a grip on players around the world? Then consider Robert Allenby.

The 25-year-old Australian had the Masters on his mind six months ago when, despite recovering from a fractured sternum, he flew halfway around the world just to hit the ball 40

yards off the tee.

To qualify for \$116,000 in bonus money, Allenby had to play at least one shot at the Volvo Masters in Spain before he could withdraw.

The money itself wasn't an issue. Allenby only wanted to keep his No. 3 ranking on the European tour money list because it would improve his chances of getting an invitation to Augusta.

Allenby is among 15 players making their debuts in the 61st Masters, which begins tomorrow under what is expected to be quick conditions.

"I don't know of anyone who wouldn't give his right arm to play in this tournament," said Loren Roberts, who is making his fifth appear-

ance at the event.

Roberts already knows what Allenby is slowly beginning to realize. Despite its sheer beauty, Augusta can be a downright vicious venue to newcomers like Allenby, who are lulled into a false sense of security because of the absence of rough and because of fairways that look ample until tee shots wind up in the wrong spot.

"Driving the ball around the course is the easy part," Allenby said. "The rest of it is the hard part. You've really got to be creative with your short game. It takes a lot of imagination."

"The greens are pretty quick, and you know they'll get a lot faster. You can have one putt, but you can hit it 10 different ways."

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2008 Olympic bids start

NEW YORK (AP) - Dollars apparently have dashed dreams of holding the 2008 Olympics in half the American cities that were in the race just two months ago.

Officials of the US Olympic Committee said yesterday they expected formal applications - each accompanied by non-refundable, \$100,000 deposits - from Cincinnati, Houston, New York and Seattle before a May 1 deadline.

Those four cities have given "preliminary indications" of solid interest in bidding for 2008, USOC president Bill Hyhl and executive director Dick Schultz said.

Four other cities that had fancied themselves Olympic host material - Baltimore, Boston, Chicago and Washington - apparently were scared off by new International Olympic Committee mandates that local governments guarantee the billion-dollar budgets of the games.

"We made it very clear to the cities that there are some new requirements and some very tough requirements," Schultz said.

Hyhl said that, once the deadline passes, the USOC's executive committee would review the applications and make a recommendation to the full board on whether the US should pursue an unprecedented fifth Olympics in 28 years, Hyhl said.

Pistons may have shaved points, book claims

DETROIT (AP) - An unnamed former Detroit Pistons player says in a newly published book that some teammates expressed concern about point shaving because Isiah Thomas and James Edwards were losing large sums to gamblers with ties to organized crime.

Thomas and Edwards deny it, and an NBA official told *The Detroit News* in a story published yesterday that an investigation failed to uncover any evidence of point shaving.

"We were not able to uncover any facts indicating there may have been point shaving," Russ Granik, the NBA's deputy commissioner, said.

"And, it would appear, neither have these authors, based on a quick reading of their work. At least none that has a source or any documentation."

The book, *Money Players*, quotes Thomas and Edwards as denying any involvement.

"I've never, ever been involved in point shaving, betting on games," Thomas told the authors.

The book is written by Armen Keteyian, an ABC Network News correspondent, with co-authors Harvey Araton, a sports columnist for *The New York Times*, and Martin F. Dardis, a reporter for *Sports Illustrated*.

Keteyian said quotes were used only from sources who agreed to tell their stories to the authors' lawyers. Four of the sources were gamblers who said they were eyewitnesses to crap games at the homes of Thomas' neighbors.

A fifth source was described as a former Pistons player who told Keteyian that he and his teammates discussed the possibility that there may have been point shaving in two specific Pistons games in late 1989.

The first was on December 16, a night after Thomas had been elbowed in the head at a game in Utah and complained of dizziness and numbness in his legs.

"Because the injury occurred on a weekend, the league office was not notified until well after the fact, the authors say - meaning Las Vegas oddsmakers had no way of knowing Thomas would not be in the lineup for Saturday night's game against Golden State. Detroit was favored by three, but lost 104-92.

Edwards made one shot in five tries, scoring 4 points in 17 minutes.

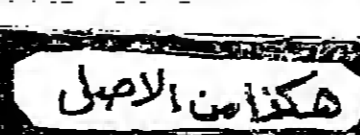
Although it was reported that Thomas was taken to an Oakland hospital for a CAT scan, the hospital told the authors it had no record of any such admission.

The second game in question, against Milwaukee, occurred December 29, before a sold-out house at the Palace.

The Pistons were a 10-point favorite. The game was tied through three quarters, but Milwaukee outscored Detroit 27-13 in the fourth and won 99-85.

Thomas shot 1-for-8 from the field with no free throws, two points, two assists and four turnovers. Edwards scored 17 points and had two rebounds and three assists.

The book says other sources told of Thomas and Edwards losing hundreds of thousands of dollars. One gambler said he saw Thomas win what looked like \$250,000 one night, but saw Thomas and Edwards take a terrible financial beating another time.



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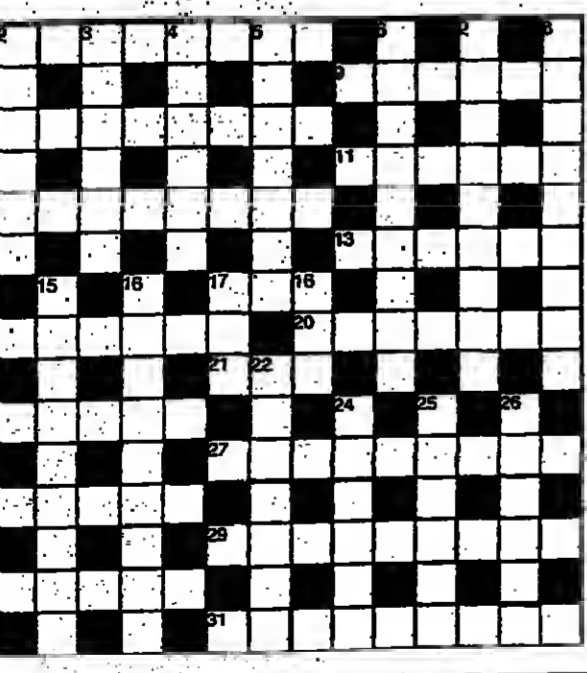
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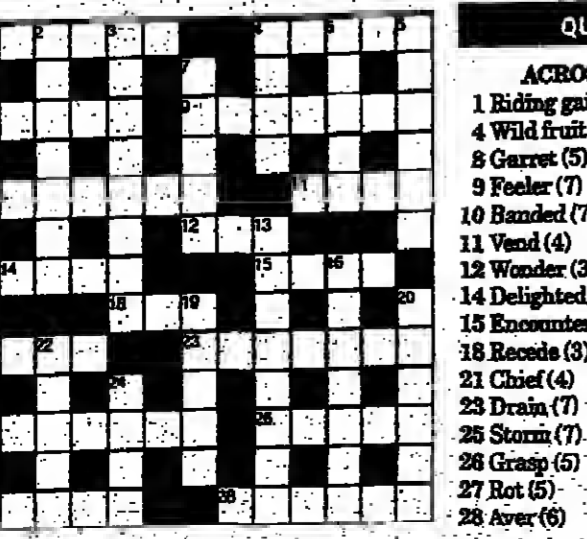
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- ACROSS: 1 Hiding gait (6), 4 Wild fruit (5), 8 Garret (5)...

6 Pick up pieces in smaller quantities for such a dress? (9), 7 Unable to speak - discovered in shock (9)...

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NEWS

in brief

Parole board to reconsider case of Arouj

The Northern District parole board will reconsider the case of senior Hamas activist Mustafa Arouj, after it was instructed to do so by the High Court of Justice, while taking into consideration a new indictment filed against Arouj.

The court was responding to a petition by Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein against the board's approval of an early release of Arouj, sentenced to five years in prison. Rubinstein argued that Arouj's release would endanger lives. He also pointed out that Arouj had attacked another prisoner he suspected of being a collaborator and an indictment had been filed against him for this offense.

Hanegbi drafts law on money laundering

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi yesterday instructed his office to distribute a copy of draft legislation banning money laundering law to all ministries and judges and to academics, in order to get their input. The draft relates to capital originating in serious criminal activity, such as drug dealing and other areas, which is then put into the legitimate financial system.

MDA wants athletes trained in CPR

Magen David Adom recommended yesterday that the Israel Football Association train all its athletes and staff in basic resuscitation and that ambulances be stationed at every playing field during matches. MDA made the suggestions to the IFA as a result of the death of Hapoel Taiba soccer player Wahib Jbara during a game last week. MDA said this could help prevent additional tragic deaths.

Social democrats convene here

Some 80 delegates of socialist and social democratic parties in Europe will take part in tonight's opening of a three-day convention in Shefayim on "Social Democracy Toward the 21st Century." Organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, it will be attended by delegates from Germany, France, Holland, Britain, Sweden, and Israel. Former French prime minister Michel Rocard and Labor Party secretary-general Nissim Zivili will address the opening in Tel Aviv.

Russia offered Israel underwater reactor

Russia once proposed selling Israel a nuclear reactor - to be housed in a submarine in the Dead Sea, according to Prof. Yevgeny Volkov, president of the Russian Academy of Science. Volkov revealed this information this week to a visiting delegation from the Dead Sea Works. He also told the delegates that in 1991 former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev personally approved selling Israel the know-how for a magnesium plant on the Dead Sea. Volkov is to arrive next week with a delegation of 55 senior scientists and industrialists for the dedication of the Sdom magnesium plant on April 17.

Winning numbers and cards

The winning numbers in last night's Lotto draw were 2, 8, 21, 27, 35 and 42. The additional number was 13. In the Mifal Hapayis daily Chance draw, the winning cards were the ace of spades, 10 of hearts, king of diamonds and

Non-aligned ask for special UN session on Mideast

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) yesterday, called for an emergency session of the UN General Assembly to demand that Israel stop construction of the Har Homa Jewish housing project in eastern Jerusalem and all other settlement activities.

The 113-member organization said in a special statement that UN member states should impose an economic boycott on Israeli companies or agencies operating in "occupied Palestinian territories" and whose activities violate UN resolutions.

The statement said "the General Assembly should convene in an emergency special session" to demand the immediate cessation of a Jewish settlement on Jerusalem's Jabal Abu Ghneim (Har Homa) and "all other Israeli settlement activities."

NAM said UN member states "should prevent assistance being provided by their gov-

ernmental agencies and nationals to, and the conduct of trade and financial dealings with, Israeli commercial, private or public establishments involved in activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem" that are contrary to Security Council resolutions.

NAM adopted the resolution a day after Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat addressed his two-day meeting of foreign ministers, accusing Israel of declaring war on the Middle East peace process.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said yesterday his country was willing to mediate to break the deadlock in the Middle East peace process if Israel put further settlements in Palestinian territory on hold.

"Egypt always plays a role in encouraging the peace process, brings together parties and is ready to continue this role but it will be

within the framework of the Madrid principles," Moussa told Reuters in an interview in the Indian capital.

"Any mediation should be based on the Israelis' putting a hold on their policy of settlements. There can be no compromise on this," said Moussa, visiting India for a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

"We are talking about an Arab-Israeli peace, not an Israeli peace, not a peace according to the measurement of the Israeli current policy, and on the basis of principles that have been agreed - land for peace, right for right and obligation for obligation," Moussa said.

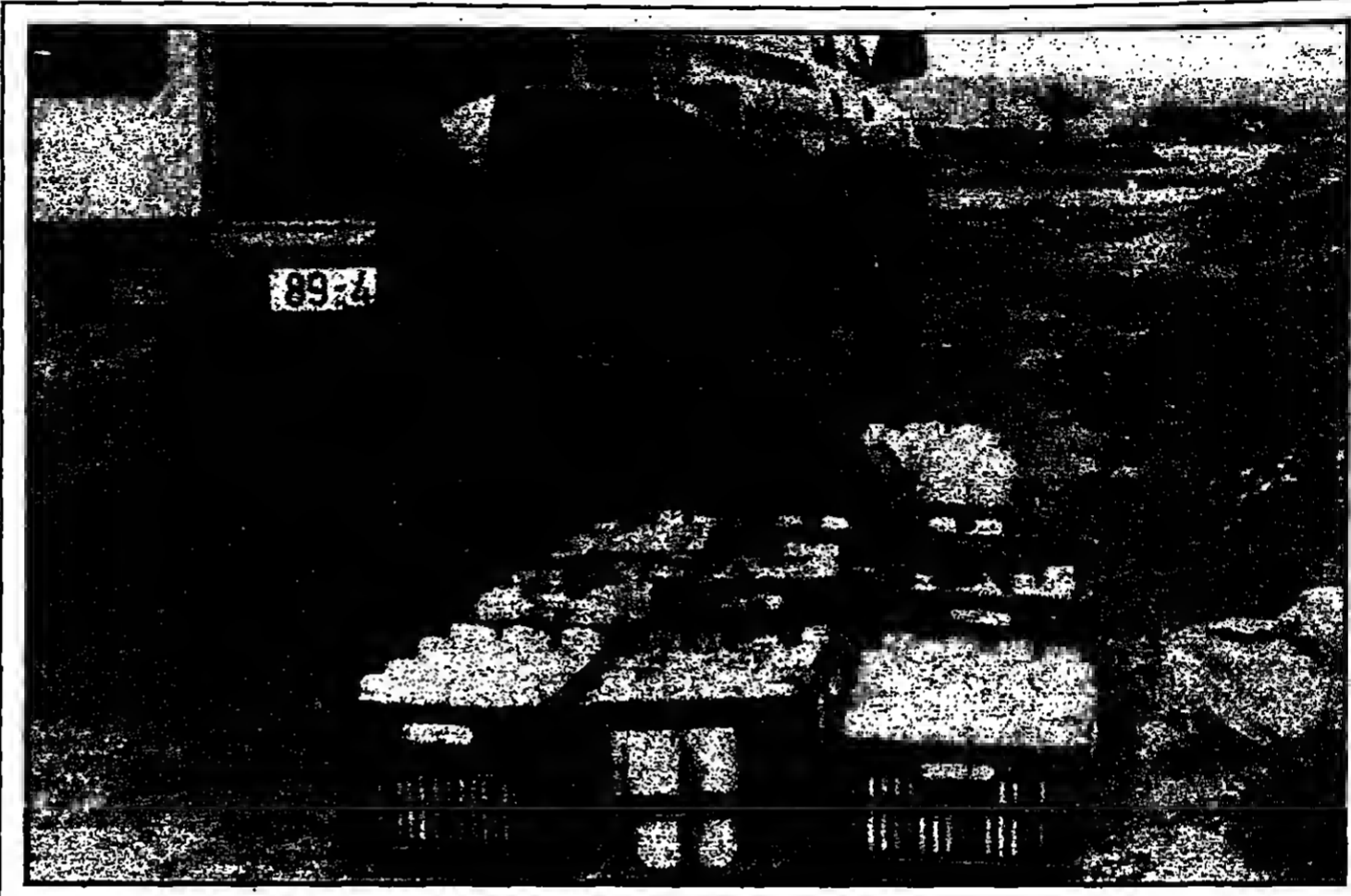
Moussa said he did not expect a quick resurrection of the derailed peace process.

"Our hopes are that the United States as the sponsor of the peace talks will succeed in getting Israel to stop and roll back on its policy of settlements. But our expectations are not that high," Moussa said.

WEATHER

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Tiberias	7-17
Afula	6-16
Sameria	5-13
Tel Aviv	10-17
Jerusalem	6-12
Beer Sheva	8-18
Dead Sea	12-22
Eilat	11-24

Forecast: Scattered rains in the south and north of the country, strong winds and drop in temperatures. Snow on the Hermon.



Dangerous jetsam
An Environment Ministry worker yesterday collects bottles of poisonous insecticide on Tel Baruch beach near Tel Aviv. Bottles have washed ashore as far north as Rosh Hanikra. (Ronen Angel/Israel Sun)

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	C	HIGH	WIND	SEA
Amsterdam	01	34	10	08	choppy
Berlin	01	34	10	08	choppy
Buenos Aires	12	54	28	79	choppy
Chengde	01	34	10	08	choppy
Chicago	01	34	10	08	choppy
Copenhagen	01	34	10	08	choppy
Helsinki	01	34	10	08	choppy
Hong Kong	21	78	81	08	choppy
London	01	34	10	08	choppy
Los Angeles	13	59	25	08	choppy
Madrid	01	34	10	08	choppy

Har Homa petition rejected

The High Court yesterday rejected a petition by developer David Mir against the government's confiscation of the land he owned on Har Homa. It delayed hearing his second petition, that the government be forced to adopt his development plan for the project, until April 20.

Court President Aharon Barak and Justices Eliezer Goldberg and Ya'acov Kedron did not give the reason for their decision, saying it would be provided at a later date.

Mir owned about a third of the land confiscated for the controversial housing project in southern Jerusalem and had planned to develop the land himself. He invested a considerable amount in drawing up development plans. His second petition argues that his development plan is better than the Housing Ministry's, and should therefore be adopted by the government. (Tim)

Experts refute water shortage scare

By JUDY SIEGEL

Israel does not face a water shortage, according to experts in the industrial engineering and management faculty at the Technion.

They presented the "first-ever" macro-economic look at Israel's water situation yesterday.

Prof. Binyamin Bental, who led the study as part of the "Middle East Peace Project" in cooperation with Tel Aviv University, said that during the first decade of the 21st century, Israel's water problem will

be "solved" by desalination and a massive reduction in the amount of water allocated for agriculture.

Bental declared that water must be regarded as an economic product with a price, and allocated according to economic principles. Under the macro-economic model, the national economy is viewed as that of a household that functions in a rational way.

"The activities of a household are assessed by its willingness to forgo one thing in order to get something else," he said. "It seems that the average household is will-

ing to trade an increase in locally grown agricultural products, which require additional water, for home and urban water use."

He added that the price of water for agricultural use is very low, encouraging waste.

He set the true economic price of a cubic meter of water is \$55; the same amount of desalinated water is worth \$80.

Industry will be an important customer for desalinated water, as it will be preferable than tap water which may have the wrong minerals and chemicals, Bental said.

Oman refuses visas to Israeli diplomats

MUSCAT (Reuters) - Oman has refused to grant visas to two Israeli diplomats and turned down an Israeli request to take part in an exhibition in line with Arab recommendations to stop normalizing ties, an Omani official said yesterday.

The official said Oman "did not agree to an Israeli request to take part in a telecommunications exhibition which started in Muscat on Monday, in line with the Arab League recommendations."

He said Oman also "refused to give visas to two Israeli diplomats." He would not elaborate.

He said an Israeli request to participate in a book fair in Muscat last month had also been rejected.

The Omani moves were the first taken by the Muscat government in reaction to the Arab League recommendations.

Arab foreign ministers had earlier this month recommended that Arab states stop normalizing ties with Israel and instead restore the economic boycott.

They also urged closing down

Israeli trade missions and withdrawing from multilateral talks on Middle East peace.

Oman has not yet asked the Israeli trade offices there to close down as the Arab League recommended.

US judge won't deport Marzook

NEW YORK - Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook remained jailed in a federal prison in Manhattan yesterday after a federal judge rejected his request to be released or to be deported from the US.

US District Judge Denise Cote said since Israel

withdrew a request for the extradition of Abu Marzook, the former leader of the political wing of Hamas, she had no jurisdiction. Abu Marzook, no longer facing extradition, is now being held on immigration charges.

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